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Be good, Joe!

FOOTBALL supporters the length and breadth of the land will wish Joe Jordan every success in his new career at the sharp end of AC Milan's attack.

Joe, who leaves Manchester United to earn something in the region of £100,000 a year, would be wise to approach his Italian adventure with the utmost caution.

The Scotland striker takes with him a reputation for uncompromising behaviour, which by the time he arrives in Italy, will have been exaggerated out of all proportions.

No doubt the Milan fans will give the 29-year-old striker a typically warm Italian reception, but he is likely to receive a vastly different reception in away matches.

There, big Joe will be given the full treatment and unless his temper is kept firmly in check he could find himself in trouble.

His biggest problem will be in coping with Italy's notoriously aggressive defences. He will find it difficult to breathe amidst the blanket defences rival clubs will throw round him whenever the ball lands at his feet.

SHOOT view!

He will be subjected to every trick in the book. The Italians are masters at the sly foul on the blind-side, the carefully veiled dig in the ribs, the ankle tapping routine behind the referee's back, and they are not averse to spitting and other outrageous acts during a game.

Joe will have to take all that with a smile.

Life off the pitch will be none too easy either for him and his attractive wife Judy. The couple will be given VIP treatment by the Milan directors. Nothing will be too much trouble for the charming Milan gentlemen in the early stages. The problems could arise if Joe fails to live up to their, and his own, expectations.

Denis Law, Jimmy Greaves and other stars who have been lured to Italy for big money in the past know only too well the pressures placed upon footballers who fail to produce the quality football expected of them.

Fortunately, Joe is alive to the problems which could beset him in Italy when he says: "Since I always wanted to play on the Continent I felt this could be my last chance to gain my ambition. I know the problems of getting into trouble with referees, but my sending off while playing for Scotland against Wales — the first time in my career — is something I never want to happen again."

Joe is clearly intent on carving out a happy life for his wife and family before quitting the game at the age of 35.

We wish him well but he will need to be on his best behaviour throughout his stay there.



Chris Davies meets...

GEORGE BEST had just watched John McEnroe win the most controversial Wimbledon fortnight ever. "You see what he's had to put up with these past two weeks? I had it for 12 years..." At 35, George Best of San Jose still shows many of the magic touches that have made him the United Kingdom's greatest player; he's still in trouble with referees, being sent-off against Jacksonville earlier this month. But in reality, George Best is now a very different person to the one who, for one reason or another, was rarely out of the headlines during the Sixties and early Seventies.

THE problem with George Best is that he's never been able to face problems. His answer was to walk away, usually to the nearest bar, and get drunk. As he says, the problem was always there the next day, usually bigger.

At the end of last year, Best faced the reality of a problem he'd had for ages, yet wouldn't admit to. He was an alcoholic.

It's ironic that Best and Jimmy Greaves, arguably the two most gifted individuals to grace Division One in recent years, should both end up in the same tragic way. It's even more ironic that Best was featured on a television programme about Greaves' alcoholism when he, himself, was in pretty much the same way.

"Alcohol was controlling what I did, as opposed to the other way round. I didn't wake up every morning to reach for a bottle.

Sometimes I went months without a drink. Then I'd drink for two or three days almost non-stop.

"You never think it's affecting you. I was still training and I fooled myself that I was sweating it off. I got away with it for a while, but in the end I had to face the fact that I was an alcoholic.

"I admitted myself to a hospital in San Jose and went through a special programme, which wasn't very pleasant. There was a lot of self-assessment, working with people in the same position as myself. You can't kid these people, because for every one of your stories they have one, too.

"I haven't had a drink for seven months. Not a drop. I can't even have food cooked in wine. I've been lucky..."

He has. His marriage was on the rocks and he admits it was entirely his fault. "We used to have some crazy rows, but only because of my drinking habits. I'm fortunate to

GEORGE



'Angela has helped me more than anyone during my career'

have had a woman who understood and stood by me for five years because she thought there was something worth fighting for."

The wild days are over for George Best. He and Angela became parents earlier this year and son Calum has given George something that soccer never could.

"We wanted a Gaelic name and Calum is Gaelic for Malcolm. You have to choose names carefully. I mean, Bert Best doesn't sound quite right!

"A journalist in California remarked to me recently that we were inseparable, and it really pleased me that people should think that. It's true I take my son everywhere I can. The supermarket... to my bar, where I still go for a pot of tea and a game of darts. He's a smashing kid. The doctor says he's happy because he feels secure.



'I'm still a United fan at heart'

WINS HIS BIGGEST BATTLE

"When we knew Angela was pregnant, I promised to paint the baby's bedroom. As the big day approached, I was reminded of this, so I went out and bought some paint and spent three hours every night painting a mural of Disney characters on a wall.

"It's my pride and joy. A couple of people have been so impressed that they asked me if I'd paint their houses, so perhaps I should turn my hand to interior decorating!

"We stay in most evenings, or go to the movies. We have a beach house in Santa Cruz, and it's nice to go there with the baby and the dog.

"I was on a road trip not long ago and I phoned Angela. Her sister was staying with her and after they'd been out for the day they went for a drink in one of those trendy 'in' places.

"She told me they couldn't get out quickly enough. 'How we ever lived with all those posers and false people I don't know,' she said. All Angela wanted to do was to get home to Calum."

These are busy days for George Best, footballer, father, interior decorator, coach and writer.

"In fact, I've never been busier," he says. In a few weeks, another Best book *Where Do I Go From Here?* will be published by Queen Anne Press (£6.95) and "it has turned out exactly how I hoped."

There have been a few books on Best, but the difference this time is that "it's my point of view, by

myself, not someone writing about me."

In it, he discusses a variety of topics, many of them personal, and Universal have bought the film rights, although Best doesn't expect to be in the film himself.

One chapter deals with the way he was treated early in his career, something which he says "still bugs me like hell.

"I've come across a lot of people who haven't helped me. Clubs simply don't cater for young lads who have just left home. Who is there at the club you can talk to, to discuss problems? I'm not saying things would have turned out differently with better help, but they might..."

I asked George who in particular had helped him during his career and without even thinking he replied: "Only my wife." A sad comment when you realise some

of the world-famous names who have been associated with Best over the years.

"Take the Fulham episode, for instance. I could have gone full-time there, yet I got involved with people who made promises but let me down. I feel sorry for them, because if they have to do things like that then they have bigger problems than I ever had."

The last time Best was in England was last winter, where he took time out to watch Manches-

ter United, who are still very special to him, despite all the troubles.

"I'm a fan, really. While I was in Manchester I even had a track suit in their colours made for Calum."

But what Best saw disappointed him. "United were so boring. I didn't expect much, but even then I was surprised. Spurs excite me. Ipswich excite me. Why not United? It saddened me."

Best also went back to Belfast, which saddened him even more. "The Cregagh Estate, where I was brought up, is not particularly affected by the troubles. It's still a weird situation there, though.

"I went down the local with my dad and saw people singing and enjoying themselves. Outside in the streets there were kids with hatred in their hearts. There's no answer..."

Best expects to play for two more years. And then? "I don't know exactly. I've always thought that anything I decide to do, I'll do well.

"I'm doing a fair bit of coaching, not just at San Jose, but at the George Best Soccer Schools, where I work with eight to 14-year-olds. This is very satisfying and I get as much from the kids as I do the seniors.

"The tragedy is that there are so few coaches in the USA to help the youngsters. The standard of coaching at high schools and colleges is very poor and the boys lose valuable formative years.



'Drink was controlling what I did'

"I was speaking to Bobby Moore in Los Angeles and he was telling me about his soccer camps in England. This is an area I hope to develop in the not too distant future."

I saw Best play for San Jose Earthquakes, a poor team by any standards, but even if George ran less than he used to, there was no disguising his skill on the ball. He was spraying inch-perfect passes to team-mates who simply couldn't 'read' Best's soccer brain.

The opposition played a full-back in midfield with the intention of marking Best — which he did, literally. And as so often happens, the hit-man escaped punishment while Best was booked for protesting about the heavy treatment being dished out.

Some things just never change.



GEORGE BEST in the NASL

Year	Team	Games	Gls	Ass	Pts
1976	Los Angeles	23	15	7	37
1977	Los Angeles	20	11	18	40
1978	Los Angeles	11	1	0	2
	Ft. Lauderdale	10	3	1	7
1979	Ft. Lauderdale	19	2	7	11
1980	San Jose	26	8	11	27
1981	San Jose	22	9	7	25

* Two points for a goal, one for an assist

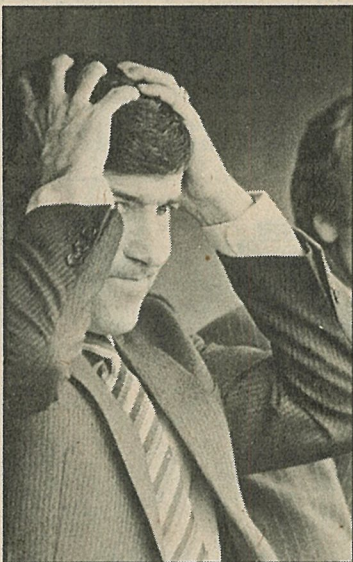
AFTER the most extraordinary game of musical chairs ever experienced in football you might think we're in for a period of stability in management.

But it's our bet that there'll still be the usual amount of chopping and changing during the forthcoming season.

Although it was agreed at the Solihull seminar that clubs should not poach one another's managers during the course of a season, that conveniently excludes a couple of hundred unemployed chaps still looking for jobs in the game — and there's nothing to stop them being approached.

With no fewer than eight First Division clubs making summer swaps, it's fair to assume that there could be less change here than in other Divisions where activity has been less frenzied.

If the newly-promoted trio West Ham, Swansea and Notts County are unfortunate enough to be in trouble they are likely to be more patient and sympathetic towards the man who has just got them there, but if clubs like Birmingham, Leeds and Wolves find themselves struggling to keep their heads



TERRY VENABLES

above water the story could be different.

Allan Clarke did a fine job last season in not only taking Leeds clear of the embarrassingly low position in which he found them, but in making them one of the most difficult sides to beat. Now he knows he has to build on that improvement with the long-suffering Leeds fans desperate to glean some success akin to all those triumphs of too-long ago.

John Barnwell has had to lean heavily on his right-hand man Ritchie Barker since that horrific car crash a couple of years ago, which almost cost him his life.

Now with Barker gone to Stoke as a manager in his own right, Barnwell could topple over without that comforting shoulder, especially if he finds he has to do more himself in keeping Wolves in the top flight.

Jim Smith appears secure enough at Birmingham and there isn't a more popular manager in the First Division, but Blues are

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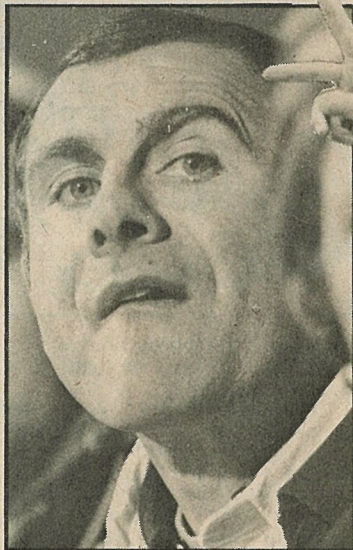
managers who could be under fire in 1981-82

very conscious that old rivals Villa stole the limelight by winning the League title last season — and they want to compete.

Elsewhere there may be little change in the First Division, though Bobby Murdoch is very much on trial with Middlesbrough.

There hasn't been quite so much of a stir in the Second Division, and that probably means more jobs are on the line.

If Cardiff City show signs of getting into their annual whirlpool Ritchie Morgan will be looking for a lifeline or an arm to grab, and having just survived — and it was only just — with Oldham last time Jimmy Frizzell will be under no illusions about his job prospects if the Latics begin to falter once more.



ARTHUR COX

All the talk about "Mullery for Palace" and the incredible turn-over of bosses at Selhurst Park last season, must be very disquieting for Dario Gradi — he will do well to get through the campaign.

Still in London we wouldn't be altogether surprised if Orient elected for the more popular move these days of giving Jimmy Bloomfield 'an upstairs post' and bringing in a new team manager, while Newcastle are yearning so badly to get back to the top that Arthur Cox will find pressure growing if his largely inexperienced side doesn't make some

sort of show. And Terry Venables knows his Q.P.R. side must justify their rating as promotion favourites if his job is to remain secure.

It's a similar story looking at Division Three, of course, and in the city of Bristol the two relegated sides will have to make immediate impact in the fight to go straight back up.

Dispensing

Bobby Houghton presumably has a pretty watertight contract at Ashton Gate but Rovers will be less concerned in dispensing with Terry Cooper if he doesn't produce the goods.

Brentford will be another club looking for a better return than Fred Callaghan was able to give them in 1980-81, and Reading may be tempted to change leaders if Maurice Evans doesn't give them a



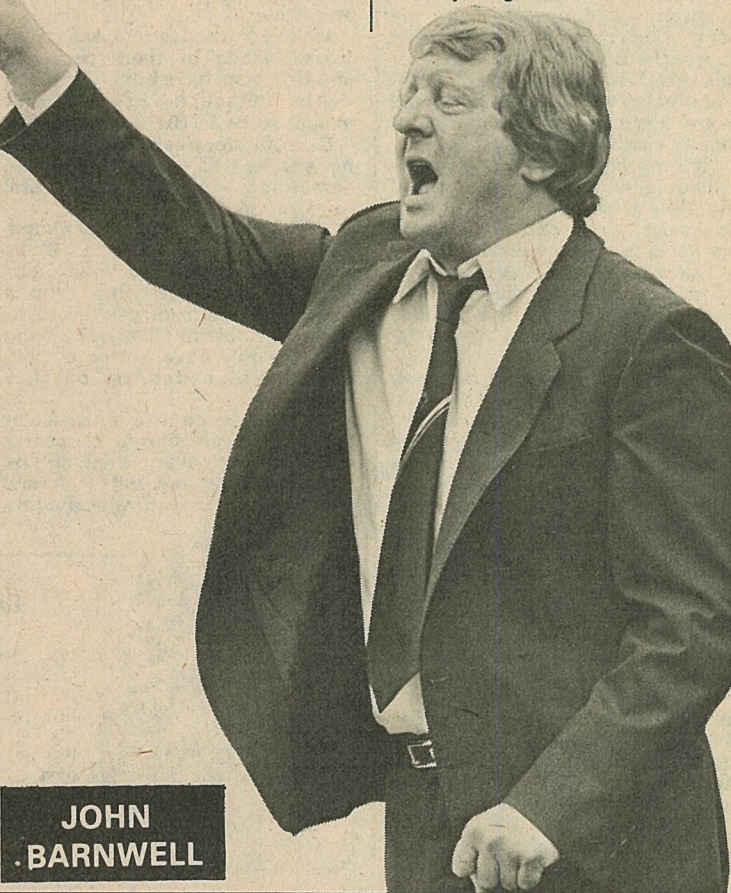
ALLAN CLARKE

chance of better status.

The only other Third Division managers we see having to hold on to their jobs are Alan Buckley, whose Walsall side slipped the noose on the very last day of the season, and John Trollope at Swindon, if the Wiltshire side doesn't exploit better it's considerable potential.

Dipping down into Division Four the men most likely to be on trial are Bobby Roberts at promotion favourites Colchester, Jim Iley at Bury, Frank Lord, another who came through a crisis at Hereford and won't want another, Mike Smith at Hull, who would have already been paid-up if some directors had got their way, John McGrath at Port Vale, Bryan Hamilton at Tranmere and Barry Lyons at York.

Particularly at this level of the game there is no room for failure — which is exactly why we say there are sure to be men on the move yet again.



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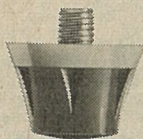
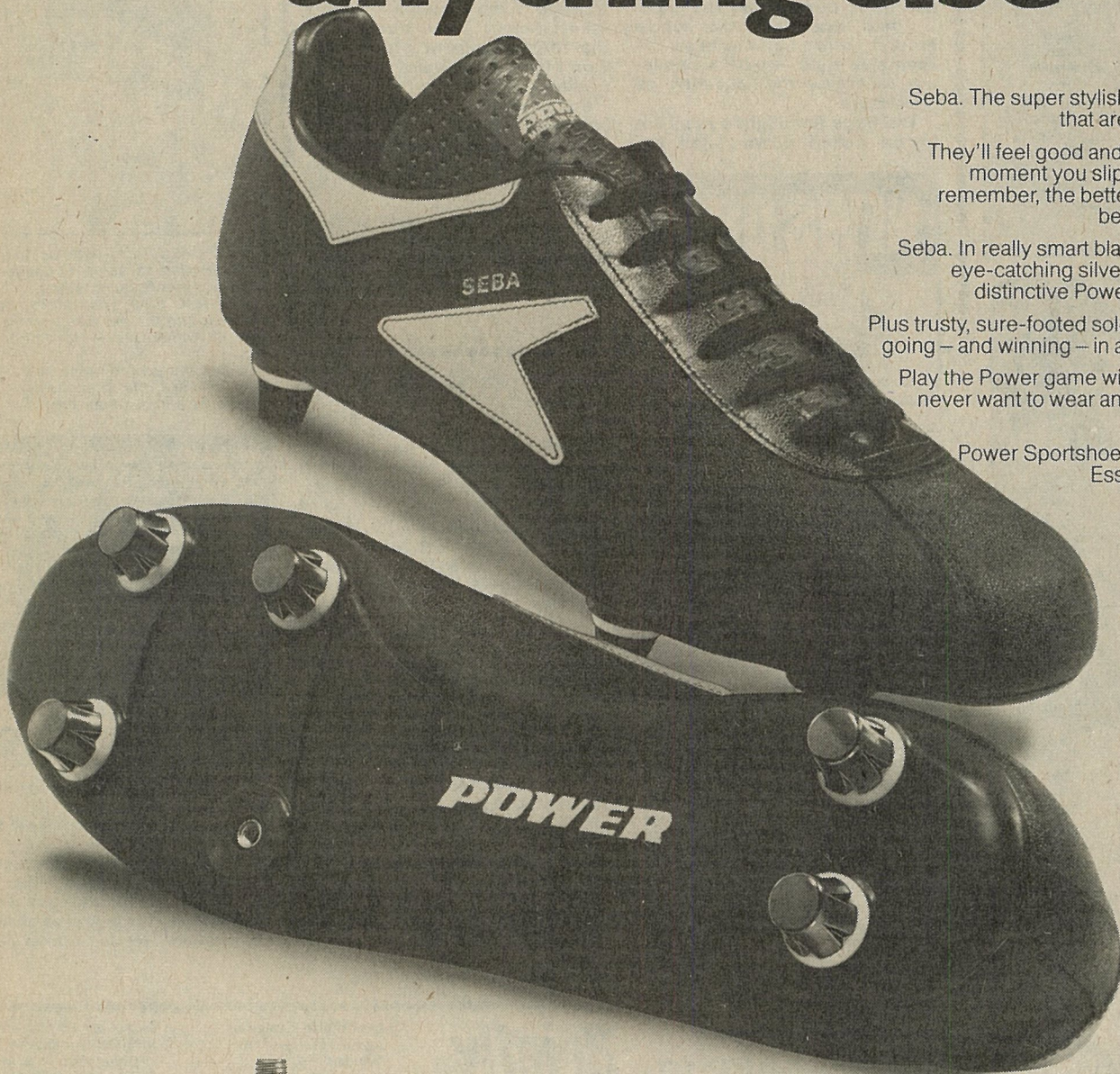
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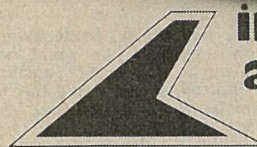
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FOOTBALLERS don't only go on holiday in the summer . . . many of the North-East's stars spend their spare time playing cricket.

Newcastle's Steve Hardwick plays in the competitive Northumberland League and is showing the sort of form that brought him games with Nottinghamshire Colts as a teenager.

Middlesbrough's Graeme Hedley recently hit a century in the North Yorkshire and South Durham League, while team-mate David Armstrong is playing for Durham City in the Durham Senior League.

How about a team of cricketing footballers, which would also include summer stars such as Chesterfield's Bill Green, Derby's Alan Ramage and Phil Neale of Lincoln?

Conundrum

WHERE will canaries go that bulldogs and dragons will not? To Northern Ireland.

Norwich are to play pre-season friendlies against Ulster Champions Glentoran on August 5 and against Glenavon the following day, in Northern Ireland.

Both England and Wales pulled out of their British Championship dates with Northern Ireland because of the political problems.

Norwich boss Ken Brown said: "We are not worried at all. In fact, we are really looking forward to it."



GOOD news of Everton's young mid-field player Steve McMahon, who burst on to the scene at Goodison Park last season.

He is back in full training, and should be fit enough to start the new campaign in August.

McMahon badly ripped knee ligaments in a 2-0 defeat at West Bromwich last March, but after putting in a lot of hard work on his own during the summer, he is once again nearing fitness.

McMahon won his first England Under-21 cap shortly before his injury, against the Republic of Ireland.

City's £6 million project

MANCHESTER City have unveiled a six million pounds plan which will transform Maine Road into a super-stadium within five years.

"This is not a dream . . . it will happen," says City chairman Peter Swales. Indeed, work has already begun on the main stand which will have a cantilever roof by the start of the 1982 season.

The second stage will involve installing 36 private boxes in the new roof, overlooking the pitch . . . and eventually the whole ground will be enclosed — Wembley style — with a sweeping cantilever roof covering all spectators.

The huge floodlight pylons are to be pulled down . . . all the

lights will be installed in the new roof, and there are plans to create Press and commentary facilities which will match any in the world . . . with the commentary boxes suspended from the roof right over the touchline.

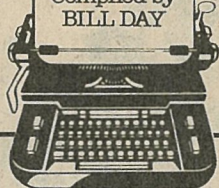
City have already raised one and a half million pounds through the club's lottery associations . . . and the cost of the re-development programme won't limit the amount of money available to spend on players.

But there is one cloud on the horizon. Greater Manchester Council are considering a parking plan to allow only residents to park in the streets around the ground.

"As there is no railway station nearby . . . this could really hit our gates, and we'll have to fight this plan all the way," says Swales.

NEWS DESK

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HEIGHWAY SHAME

AFTER an incident-free Football League and international career Steve Heighway has been sent off in his first term in the NASL. Steve who is now with Minnesota Kicks, got a red card for throwing a punch at a Tulsa Roughnecks defender.

Heighway claims he was being kicked, but that is nothing new. So why did he retaliate? "I suppose I just lost my cool," he said. "I don't know why I chose that moment to lose it — I'd never done anything like that before. You could say I just let loose and decked him."

For the record, the other player involved was Barry Wallace.

Four out in United shake-up

RON ATKINSON, Manchester United's new manager, has spent no time in making his presence felt at Old Trafford.

Four experienced coaches have been dismissed by the former West Brom boss, including former United and Northern Ireland goalkeeper Harry Gregg.

Also out in a big shake-up at the club are Syd Owen, Jack Crompton and physiotherapist Laurie Brown.

Rumour has it that other moves are afoot as Atkinson sets out to establish his own regime after Dave Sexton's sacking.

I'm great abroad — ALLEN

RONNIE ALLEN, who has returned to West Bromwich Albion after an absence of more than three years, is confident that his experience of European football will be invaluable to his team next season.

He says: "I am as experienced as most managers when it comes to European competitions, and it's a bonus for the lads and myself that we are in Europe next season."

Allen has had managerial spells in Saudi Arabia, Greece and Portugal.

MULTI-MILLION BOOST FOR SOCCER

A PLAN to provide new and improved soccer facilities in crowded towns and cities has generated schemes worth a total of £3,905,000.

The Football Trust is offering £2 million in grants to local authorities in some of the most densely populated areas of England and Scotland.

The areas included are: Greater London, Greater Manchester, Merseyside, West Midlands, South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire and Tyne and Wear.

Overall, 36 new pitches have been offered grants, and improvements to a further 115 are also being supported. In addition, new or improved changing pavilions have qualified for grant-aid in 36 locations, serving a total of 125 pitches.

Work will start by June 1982.

Briefly...

● Eire have been the victims of two terrible refereeing decisions in their bid to qualify for the 1982 World Cup Finals. What looked like perfectly good 'goals' were disallowed by referees from Spain and Portugal. Let's hope the Irish have more luck with Czechoslovakian official Vojtech Christov, who has been appointed for Eire's

next World Cup game against Holland on September 9th.

● Gary Pugh, a 20-year-old centre-forward with Bournemouth, will be hoping to hit the high spots in the new season. He made his League debut against Wigan on April 4, but still reckons his proudest moment was scoring the winner in his days as a West Ham reserve against Arsenal.

● The Hayes family from the Republic of Ireland is making its mark. Frank

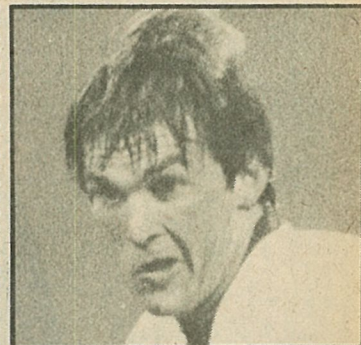
Hayes, an 18-year-old midfielder, has been showing good form in the lower ranks at Wolves and his younger brother Greg captained the Irish Schoolboys.

● John Hughes, an 18-year-old centre-half showing impressive form with Bury, escaped the net thrown out by five big clubs. He had trials with West Bromwich, Nottingham Forest, Manchester City and United and Preston before joining Bury in October, 1979.

SEAMUS O'BRIEN didn't have long to savour the joy that Athlone Town's League win brought. The club's long-serving official was due to receive the medal awarded the Champions delegate at the recent League of Ireland A.G.M. But he died suddenly the day before the meeting.

A past President of the League, Seamus was only 52.

Kenny's lean time



KENNY DALGLISH will be as relieved as Garry Birtles to score a League goal when the new season starts.

The last time Liverpool's Scottish striker found the net was against Aston Villa at Anfield on — November 22nd, 1980.

In fact, he scored twice in a 2-1 win. But just like the Manchester United striker, he's had a lean time since.

NO wonder the Royal Ulster Constabulary soccer team is one of the top outfits in the Irish "B" Division League.

In fact, no fewer than six players, goalkeeper Brian White (ex-Ballymena United), defenders Fred Cooley and Davy Gardiner (both ex-Cliftonville), strikers Ronnie Bell (ex-Linfield) and Bobby Clarke, formerly with Bangor, and long-time Ards pivot Davy McCoy, have played at senior level. And one other talented policeman, freescore ace Gary McCartney, is currently being eyed by several top-grade bosses.



Thomas tells all

DAVE THOMAS has revealed why he fell out of favour at Wolves.

Thomas, who also had spells with Everton, Queens Park Rangers and Burnley, is now enjoying himself at Vancouver Whitecaps after a disastrous year at Molineux.

"I wouldn't pull my socks up, so they wouldn't play me," said Thomas.

"Really, it was that stupid. Ritchie Barker, the assistant manager, had a go at me about it. But that is the way I've always played. I wasn't going to change.

"Barker also wanted me to wear screw-in studs. I have never used anything but a moulded sole. It was just a case of principle. I had to accept whatever the consequences were."

Avramovic the best

DON MASSON, who has led Notts County into the First Division, has some interesting comments on goalkeepers.

Midfielder Masson, who will be 35 in August and is in his second spell with County having also seen service with Middlesbrough, Queens Park Rangers, Derby and Scotland, says:

"We have the best 'keeper in England in Raddy Avramovic. He rates on a level with West Ham's Phil Parkes — and that's just one notch higher than Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence in my book."

NICK CROSS, a 19-year-old striker with West Bromwich Albion, has grown up at The Hawthorns with Martyn Bennett and Remi Moses — two youngsters who have established themselves at First Division level.

It isn't long odds on the Solihull-born Cross making it a threesome. He has been hitting the goals well at Central League level with some regularity. In fact, he scored a hat-trick when making his debut for the reserves. Nick went on as sub against Spurs and scored in a 4-2 win.

ASTON VILLA manager Ron Saunders is back from a Greek holiday with a splendid suntan.

Clarke punishes Leeds

ALLAN CLARKE, boss of Leeds United, has called his players back from summer holidays earlier than most other League club managers.

Clarke is anxious to have his players in peak physical condition for the start of his first full season at Elland Road.

His pre-season training programme for Leeds captain Trevor Cherry (right) and the players is believed to be the hardest ever endured by the staff of Elland Road.

Three overseas tours to Denmark, Spain and Canada, were lined-up for Leeds involving eight games in just over three weeks.

Byron Stevenson was given the severest physical test of all after injuring a knee ligament last season.

THE committee of Brechin City have decided to allow free admission to all children under nine years of age to all games at Glebe Park next season, provided they are accompanied by an adult.

WORCESTER CITY have signed former Aston Villa star Jimmy Brown.

Brown made headlines as an 18-year-old when he became Villa's youngest ever captain, but moved on to Preston after Ron Saunders took over at Villa Park.



Boam's back

STUART BOAM, a former part time Mansfield Town professional, has rejoined his home club — as player manager.

The 33-year-old centre-half is back with Mansfield after ten years in the North-East.

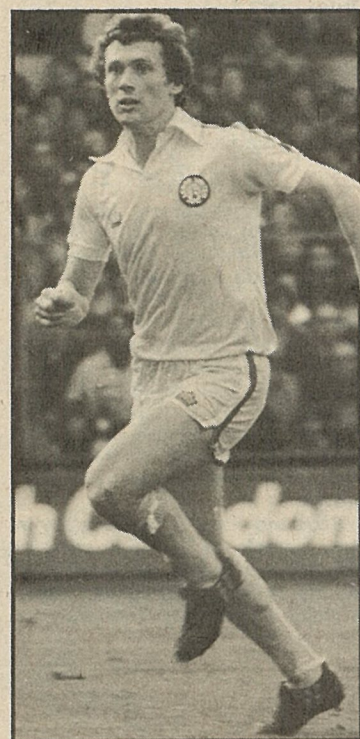
Boam gave tremendous service to Middlesbrough for eight years and then helped Newcastle United with his experience and powerful defensive qualities.

Boam was set to stay in the North-East until the call of home tempted him into management.

"Many people in the game recommended me for the Mansfield job, he said. "I thought if so many people had so much faith in me, I would have a go."

"Mansfield agreed that I could continue as a player, and that had an important bearing on my accepting the job."

Boam was rated one of the best centre-halves in the country in his Middlesbrough days.



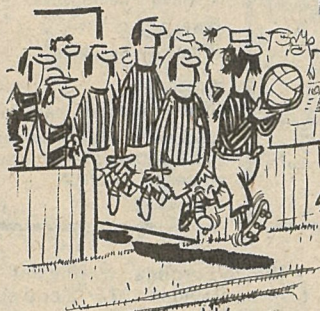
FOOTBALL FUNNIES



"Not exactly a good omen for the coming season is it, dear?"



This week Stoke City's England Under-21 international Adrian Heath selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



"I see they like the old fashioned centre-forward."



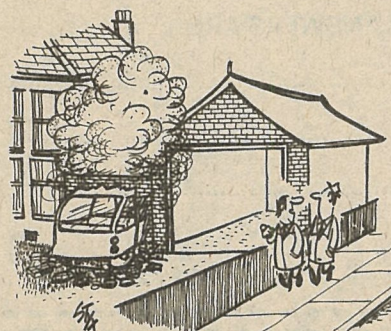
"I think they know you're waiting for them, boss."



"During the second-half would you mind taking a few snaps of the ball for me?"



"I wish someone would tell the boss to get off my back."



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GREAT SHOOT/UMBRO TRACKSUIT OFFER NEXT WEEK

CELTIC manager Billy McNeill rates Dundee United's Paul Sturrock as one of the most entertaining, devastating forwards in Scotland and a queue is hardly likely to form to disagree with him.

The slightly-built Sturrock is the target for a growing Admiration Society and, of course, he was introduced to international soccer by Jock Stein in the close season when he played the full 90 minutes against Northern Ireland at Hampden and came on as substitute against Wales in Swansea and England at Wembley.

"Playing at international level is a great experience," says Sturrock, one of the swiftest, deadliest raiders in Scotland.

"I've played several times for the Under-21 side, but wasn't included in the full squad until the British Championship. It's marvellous

permutations have been put forward, but the most exciting is Archibald and Sturrock.

Sturrock smiles warmly at the thought of going to Spain to play in the World Cup Finals next year, but he is taking nothing for granted. As he says, he only wants to perform to the best of his ability for United and hopes things develop as expected on the international front.

The whiplash speed of Sturrock could be invaluable on the dusty, hard grounds of Spain and he is not the only Tannadice player with thoughts of World Cup glory.

In recent years Paul Hegarty, Dave Narey and Eamonn Bannon have all played for the full international side and manager Jim McLean, assistant to Jock Stein while on duty for his country, is adamant that other players could soon be pushing for a place in the line up.

Certainly mastermind McLean is to be congratulated for unearthing young players of great talent, and Billy Kirkwood, Graeme Payne and Ralph Milne could also be pushing their claims in the new season.

THE TANNADICE TERROR

mixing with the elite and I can't thank United manager Jim McLean enough for all the help he has given me in my career.

"My aim now is to play as well as I possibly can for Dundee United and hope that things follow on from there."

Sturrock's form in the match against the Irish was exhilarating. He zipped around the Hampden pitch at break-neck pace and formed a superb partnership with Steve Archibald.

'Intelligent'

"It's easy to get on alongside a player such as Steve," says Paul. "He is an intelligent front man and it was good that we clicked. We swapped around all night against Northern Ireland and it worked well enough, for we won 2-0 and Steve scored the second goal."

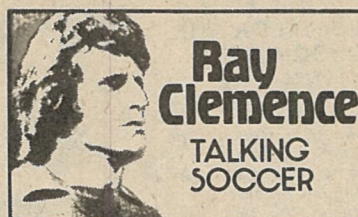
Manager Jock Stein had every reason to leave Hampden that night happy in the knowledge that he had discovered another international jewel to add to Scotland's crown.

Scotland have failed recently in their search for a combination of strikers. Joe Jordan has been tried alongside Kenny Dalglish, Steve Archibald and Andy Gray. Various





'More than half a million people greeted the European Champions'



Ray Clemence
TALKING SOCCER

one goal into the lead.

More encouragement would be given by the award of points for goals, say one for two goals scored away and for three scored at home.

I'm dead against the introduction of shoot-outs or changes to the Laws or the size of the goalmouth.

The amendment of the Law relating to the goalkeeper's

'Players aren't money-grabbers'

by demanding huge wage rises.

For one thing, I can't believe the wage bill of the playing staff is the major item on the balance sheet.

Secondly, football is like show business, and the players who draw the crowds and help win trophies

handling of the ball, banning him from rolling it around the area, will have little effect, and anyway will not be introduced until the season after next because the authorities have failed to agree on the re-wording.

One certain way in my view of improving the standard of our football at both League and international levels is to reduce the number of games played by cutting the membership of the First Division from 22 to 18.



THE news that around 400 players were being off-loaded from League clubs in a summer clear-out as a result of falling gates and rising costs really shattered me and made me count my blessings.

It's a tragic sign of these recession-hit times that hundreds of players, old-timers as well as young apprentices, should find themselves out of work.

Their prospects of being signed on by another club are slim — the only signing most will do is for the dole!

And finding a job outside the game will be difficult with so much unemployment about.

Players who've enjoyed good times and have savings put by will not be as hard hit as those cast off by lower Division clubs, where wages tend to be rock bottom and the game is played more for love than money.

As someone who could well have stayed in the lower regions, if Liverpool had not recognised my potential and bought me from Scunthorpe United in 1967, I'm continually reminding myself 'There but for the grace of God, go I.'

It's the result of economics. There's just not enough money coming into the game to pay the bills.

Until this season many clubs have kept in the black with the help of

fund-raising by supporters' clubs and development associations, but these sources are now not enough.

Even Liverpool, the most successful club in the history of English football, which ended last season with both the European Cup and the League Cup, has been forced to watch the pennies.

It costs a lot to run the "Anfield firm" to ensure that it continues to field teams that can win trophies.

Like most clubs, we've been hit by a fall in gates. Our previous average of 46,000 has dropped to around 40,000.

Favourites

Main reason is the high unemployment in the Mersey area, probably the worst in the country. The fact that over half a million people turned out to greet the team when it returned from Paris with the European Cup shows that many of our fans just cannot afford to pay to follow their favourites.

I was annoyed at the suggestion that clubs are struggling financially because the top players have become money-grabbers and are virtually holding boards to ransom

'I'm dead against the introduction of shoot outs'

are entertainers.

With a short life at the top, they are entitled to ask for what they are worth.

And likewise, the club has the right to refuse.

I've often heard a criticism that players are no longer giving the fans value for money, that they cannot be compared to the showmen who excited the crowds of a decade ago.

Unfortunately I have to concede there's some truth in this accusation. And it's probably down to the safety-first tactics many teams employ these days.

So what do I think can be done to make the game more attractive, to pull back the absent fans who can afford to go to games but don't?

First, there must be a universal effort to play attacking football that produces more goals. I don't regard the introduction of three points for a win as the solution. Teams will still be tempted to sit back after going

'Great Chance'

This would put us on a par with the West Germans, whose international team must be in with a great chance of winning the World Cup again next season in Spain.

No country's top players are expected to play such a large number of "high pressure" games: games against quality opposition with something at stake.

Last season Liverpool completed a very demanding programme of 63 games overall, and the players were in dire need of a rest.

However, I can't envisage the First Division club chairmen voting for a reduction in numbers. It would be unrealistic to expect it, but in time they may have no option.

A change they should, and can, make is to give managers more security by allowing them to complete their contracts. The huge turnover of bosses last season, around 50 I believe, did the game more harm than good.

But the system must work both ways. Managers must also honour their obligations and not suddenly walk out for a better job.

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BRITISH IS STILL BEST

FIFTEEN months ago Jimmy Adamson shook hands with a buoyant Argentinian he believed would bring some much needed flair into Leeds United's midfield.

The Leeds manager firmly believed that the £450,000 he was handing Sheffield United for Alex Sabella was money well spent.

Adamson's hopes never materialised. He lost his job as boss at Elland Road, and Sabella's ball skills, which had made him an idol at Bramall Lane, were largely confined to the reserve team.

Now, Allan Clarke, Leeds United's new manager, has made it clear that he wants Sabella to leave.

Sabella's plight is becoming increasingly common. There is no guarantee that the foreign legion of players persuaded to come to English clubs are going to make the grade.

For every Osvaldo Ardiles and Arnold Muhren, foreign stars who have helped lead Tottenham and Ipswich to success, there are others, like Sabella, who struggle to make an impact and return home disillusioned.

The first drop-out of note was Alberto Tarantini. Birmingham City thought they had bagged a winner when the Argentinian arrived in the Midlands with a World Cup winners medal in his possession.

But Tarantini failed miserably. He made almost as many headlines for his tantrums as he did his ability to defend. And then he went home.

Now Sabella is keen to return to his native Argentina where he spent a holiday this summer with his wife.

The failure-rate of imported stars poses the question of whether it is best to scour foreign fields for players or breed your own.

Ardiles and Ricky Villa win admirers whenever they play for Tottenham.

Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen are as colourful at Ipswich Town as the tulips of their native Dutch homeland across the Channel.

Ivan Golac, Southampton's attacking full-back

Alex Sabella (left) has failed to meet Allan Clarke's demands at Leeds.

Spurs' foreign stars Ossie Ardiles and Ricky Villa with manager Keith Burkinshaw (below).



Sheffield Wednesday's Yugoslav Ante Mirocevic with compatriot and Notts County 'keeper Raddy Avramovic.

from Yugoslavian club Partizan, has been a wholesale success.

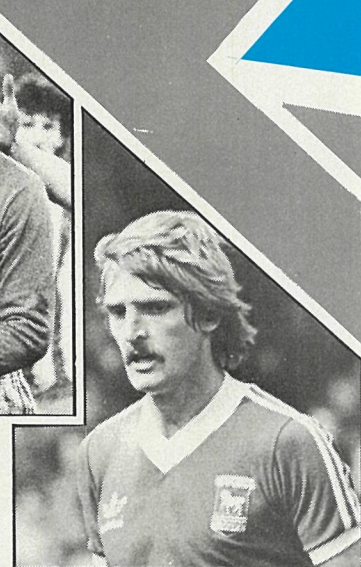
Another player from that country, Nikola Jovanovic, has strengthened Manchester United's defence since signing from Red Star Belgrade; and Peter Borota, once a member of the same club as Golac, has thrilled Chelsea's faithful supporters with his flamboyant goalkeeping skills.

Notts County's goalkeeper Raddy Avramovic, has done as much as anyone to help the Midland club gain First Division status in the 1981-82 season.

Swede Jan Moller is another dream goalkeeper for manager Bobby Houghton as he tries to regain lost ground after Bristol City's relegation to the Third Division at the end of last season.

The warning to managers preparing to flash their cheque books overseas for foreign imports is to beware — unless they believe they are signing a player who can truly contribute something to the team and overcome the difficulties of settling in a foreign country.

Joe Jordan, a proven player at club and international level, will not find life easy when he lands with his family at AC Milan.



Frans Thijssen of Ipswich.

He doesn't speak the language, and even if his Italian friends speak English, there is no guarantee they will understand the accent he carries from Scotland.

Are home grown players a better proposition when almost three million people are out of work in this country?

Moshe Gariani was given a vote of confidence by the then Brighton manager Alan Mullery when he signed him from the Middle East, but he played little part in Albion's fight to avoid relegation.

Roger Van Gool is a Belgium international winger. What has he achieved at Coventry? Little or nothing.

Disaster

Claudio Marangoni, from San Lorenzo, Argentina, was a major disaster in Sunderland's midfield, rarely justifying the club record fee of £320,000.

Avi Cohen, an Israel international, was signed by Bob Paisley with high hopes of winning a regular first team place. But he has never produced the consistency necessary to oust Alan Kennedy.

A big question mark hangs over the contribution Einar Aas can make at Nottingham Forest. The Norwegian defender has a lot to prove — and many City Ground fans are not convinced about buying foreign after Raimondo Ponte's negligible contribution.

For every shrewd foreign buy, there have probably been two or three failures.

That's why the day Keith Burkinshaw bought Ardiles and Villa and Bobby Robson captured Muhren and Thijssen will always remain red-letter moments in the histories of the two First Division clubs.

Even though Ardiles and the Foreign Legion are now very much part of our game, British is best in most cases.





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SHOOT looks at
next season's
Second Division

—the top tip for



Celebrations at Loftus Road, and Queens Park Rangers will be looking for more cheer at the end of the new season.

BARNSELEY Under Norman Hunter's management they have continued the progress started at Oakwell by Allan Clarke. But promoted teams have seldom gone straight through to the First Division, and Barnsley will probably have to settle for mid-table respectability.

BLACKBURN Allowed Swansea to pinch promotion on goal difference by scoring in just three of their final nine League games last season. That will be new manager Bobby Saxton's first priority, but Rovers' may find difficulty maintaining the impetus for another promotion push. Will also miss Howard Kendall in midfield.

BOLTON George Mulhall has talked of bringing George Best to Burnden Park to team up with stars such as Brian Kidd, Peter Reid and Neil Whatmore. But don't bank on Bestie playing for Bolton... and don't bank on promotion for them either.

CAMBRIDGE Confounded the critics by flirting with the promotion race last season, and claimed the scalps of Villa and Wolves in the League Cup. But limited resources will keep any Cambridge promotion aspirations firmly in check.

CARDIFF Lucky to escape the drop on goal difference, and it's difficult to see a Cardiff side who have grown accustomed to battling

against relegation doing any better this time.

CHARLTON New boss Alan Mullery faces a tough task at the Valley. First he must keep hold of much-fancied youngster Paul Walsh and then appease problem striker Derek Hales. But it will take



Charlton striker Derek Hales, unsettled at the Valley.

Following the fiasco of last season's Second Division promotion battle, when there were as many as 12 teams involved, we all consoled ourselves with the thought that 'it can't happen again.' But with West Ham, the only team of top quality, leaving Division Two for better things, the standard of competition likely to be vying for promotion this time is going to be even lower.

The fact that Swansea City went through a five-match spell without a single point and still gained promotion just about sums up the quality of the other competitors.

Looking through the Second Division field for the new season, it is clear that once again up to 12 teams could be in contention. Queens Park Rangers, with their plastic pitch, should enjoy a sufficient home advantage to go up, but with the possible exception of a classy but inconsistent Luton, it is hard to argue against an immediate return for recently relegated Leicester and Norwich.

Here we take a look at the 22 clubs in the Second Division in the forthcoming season and try to assess their chances of glory... or otherwise.

some real Mullery magic to keep newly promoted Charlton out of the bottom half of the table.

CHELSEA Appalling in the second half of last season, when promotion had earlier looked to be in the bag. Geoff Hurst and Bobby Gould have gone, but shrewd new boss John Neal knows he faces an uphill struggle with an inexperienced team. Hard to see a First Division return for soccer's biggest hard-luck story.

C. PALACE With most of last season's team now at Loftus Road, Palace will be making a clean start. Dario Gradi must be hoping for no hangover from last season's nightmare, but don't expect much from the 'Team of the Eighties'.

DERBY Never looked like justifying last season's favourites

rating, and selling Alan Biley for just £300,000 proves how tight money is at the Baseball Ground. Perhaps too many youngsters to sustain a concerted promotion bid, but should enjoy life near the top.

GRIMSBY Have done miracles to come so far so quickly, but having failed in their bid for further promotion last time, Grimsby will find it hard to sustain the enthusiasm. Must guard against the kind of start which left them struggling against the drop for so long last season.

LEICESTER It took Leicester's youngsters too long to adjust to the First Division. But towards the end of the campaign they found their feet and were genuinely unfortunate to take the chop. Expect to see a strong challenge for an immediate return to Division One from Jock Wallace's men.



Backs to the wall. Chelsea's young and inexperienced team face an uphill struggle to recapture their First Division status.

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LUTON Stylish and classy, but keep blowing out in the run-in. Whether they have the nerve to stand the strain is questionable, but once again expect to see Luton making the pace for most of the season.

NEWCASTLE The signs are that The Magpies are ready to march again. Manager Arthur Cox knows his job will depend upon Newcastle getting an early foothold in the promotion battle . . . and staying there. Don't be surprised to see a big improvement on last season's 11th place.

NORWICH Too many class players to stay in the Second Division for long, and even without Justin Fashanu, who seems unlikely to

stay, Norwich should have the power to go straight back up.

OLDHAM Hard to see probably the least glamorous team in the Second Division attaining much more than a place away from the relegation troubles.

ORIENT With finances so tight and the lure of the other London clubs so attractive to supporters, Orient will never have sufficient quality players to make an impression at the top. Fell away alarmingly last season, and could find themselves in trouble.

Q.P.R. They should win every home game on their plastic pitch, and with players such as Allen, Currie, Francis and King they have sufficient class to do enough away from home to make sure of a First Division spot in 12 months time.



ABOVE: Newcastle (stripes) could be ready for their strongest promotion bid for some years.

LEFT: Leicester will be looking to reproduce the kind of form which brought victory at Anfield last term.



ROTHERHAM Interesting to see how Emlyn Hughes fares in his first manager's job. But newly-promoted Rotherham would have been more stable had Ian Porterfield not defected to Sheffield United.

SHEFF. WEDS. There is no doubt that promotion was within their grasp last season, but when their big chance came they had shot their bolt. If the unsettled Terry Curran goes, Wednesday might find themselves watching the promotion race pass them by.

SHREWSBURY Have found a few difficulties adjusting to the Second Division, and know the new season will not be easy. If they can reproduce their end of season form they should be safe, but if not they could be relegation candidates.

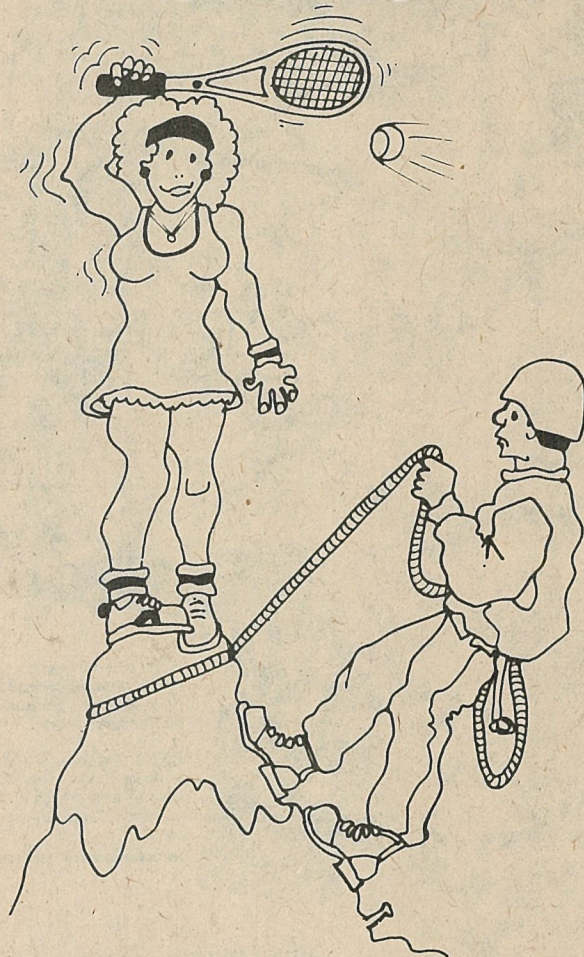
WATFORD Like chairman Elton John they seem to have slipped out of the limelight recently. But manager Graham Taylor has put together a solid squad which could surprise with a challenge for promotion.

WREXHAM Difficult to envisage the North Wales club making much of an impression at the top of the table, and come the end of the season we reckon Wrexham will be grateful to settle for a place in the middle of the pack.

Derby and Sheffield Wednesday should both be making a strong challenge for a place among the promotion contenders.



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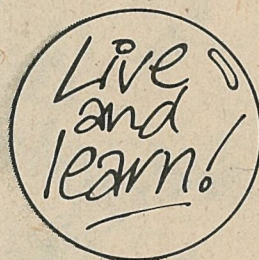
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Gowling's future on the right course

ALAN Gowling has been looking to the future by attending a course in business management, although the likeable six-footer intends to be playing for some time yet.

And Alan, who helped Bolton to fight their way clear of relegation last season, says: "The course is one which will be useful to me whether or not I get a job in football when I retire. Ideally, I would like to become a manager or coach."

In his 14-year career, Gowling has formed definite views on how he expects clubs and their managers to operate in the years ahead, and has had ample opportunity to observe the merry-go-round of managerial changes which have become such a feature of soccer.

He says: "In this country, I can see us following the pattern set in the United States and by some of the European clubs - they have a team boss concerned with strategy, tactics and coaching, which is what an ex-player knows most about."

"Then they also have a manager who takes care of the business side of running a club."

"All managers are aware of the risks when they take on the job, and the possibility that they can be sacked with little or no notice."

"And clubs, for their part, face the possibility that managers can

decide to leave before their contracts have run out."

While unsuccessful managers have been sacked by their clubs, Gowling is concerned that even bosses he reckoned to have done reasonably well were also dismissed, Manchester United's Dave Sexton, for instance.

"United got rid of their manager after he had led them to a respectable League position, but at Old Trafford this was obviously considered not to be good enough - and I hope that it does not form a precedent."

"It will create a difficult situation if managers are discharged simply because they fail to win something. After all, in the Football League, only about 12 to 14 bosses can be successful in winning trophies and promotion."

Gowling, who hit the headlines in the North-East with his goal-scoring performances for Newcastle United, considers that the high and low spots of his club career were experienced with The Magpies.

Says Alan: "I always regretted that Newcastle failed to build on to the nucleus of a good side in the late 70's, and it was a tremendous disappointment to me when the team was eventually broken up."

"But I got great satisfaction from scoring for Newcastle against Manchester City in the League Cup Final at Wembley - we lost, yet it was a marvellous feeling just to have reached that stage."

"I was very happy on Tyneside, and my impression then was that Newcastle were a sleeping giant who needed awakening. I would like that awakening to take place for the sake of the Geordie fans."

Gowling is also hoping that Bolton Wanderers will do better following their uphill struggle over the last two years.

'Right results'

He says: "Our attitude was possibly wrong last season, and it was only late on before we pulled ourselves together and got the right results."

"If we hadn't rallied it could have meant that we would have dropped straight through from the First to the Third Division in two seasons, just as Bristol City did."

"But our players gained in confidence, and if they can hang on to having a belief in themselves, Bolton could make an improved effort to establish themselves in 1981-82."

Gowling, a former England Under-23 captain and the present chairman of the Players' Union, has taken a holiday in Florida while he thinks about his own playing future.

And he says: "These days, I see myself as a sweeper - playing at the back is what I feel I do best."

SOME players have testimonials pre-season, using their benefit games as part of the build-up for the new season. It's a good idea if it helps both clubs, but what this rules out is the possibility of a 'novelty' team ... a side comprised of different stars from different clubs.

We've had all Irish teams, all black teams ... just about every combination you can think of. Yet to the best of my knowledge no one has yet managed to field a Football League team, comprising the best of the Home internationals and some foreign stars.

It would be an interesting selection ... British courage, Argentine close skill, Dutch vision ... and based on last season's performances this is the All Star XI I'd choose.

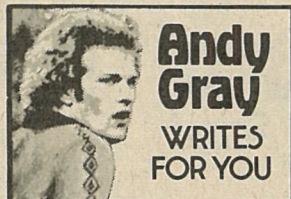
PETER SHILTON would be my goalkeeper. In my opinion, he's at his peak, despite his problems, which I can fully understand. He's had experience at home and abroad at top level.

Obvious as it may sound, he is very difficult to score against. Even in a one-against-one situation he

the First Division, even if there are few top-class candidates around.

As a former forward he has a good idea of what to expect from his direct opponent and obviously is extremely dangerous going forward. Kenny has also impressed me with his speed of recovery.

Partnering Kenny I'd have DEREK STATHAM, a whisker ahead of Kenny Sansom. If I put the West Brom man a shade ahead of the Arsenal defender it's because Derek



'STATHAM A WHISKER AHEAD OF SANSOM'

makes it hard for the opposing forward. Most of the goals I've put past him have been instinct goals rather than long range shots or headers.

Peter marshals his defence magnificently. If he has one fault it's that for his size he doesn't always do as well in the air as he should. But that's being ultra-critical. You'd be hard pushed to find a better 'keeper anywhere.

I didn't think KENNY SWAIN would be the success he has in Aston Villa's number two shirt. Last season he was the best right-back in

quarter is asked or given.

I look no further than Ipswich for my midfield. FRANS THIJSEN, JOHN WARK and ARNOLD MUHREN are the ideal combination.

Frans keeps the ball until he wants to release it — his control is incredible and it isn't unusual for him to beat three or four players on one of his runs.

For a midfield player to score over 30 goals, as John did last season, is incredible. Any striker would be more than satisfied with that amount. His ratio of goals scored from chances he had was very high and I'd rate the Scot an even better finisher than Martin Peters.

Shrewd

On the left Arnold can pass a ball accurately over seemingly any distance. He sees situations quickly and his shrewd soccer brain is always on the alert.

I would always play a winger in a one-off game, but none of the wingers in the First Division was particularly outstanding or consistent last season.

On his day, JOHN ROBERTSON is still the best there is. Playing with John for Scotland has made me realise how much attention opponents pay him.

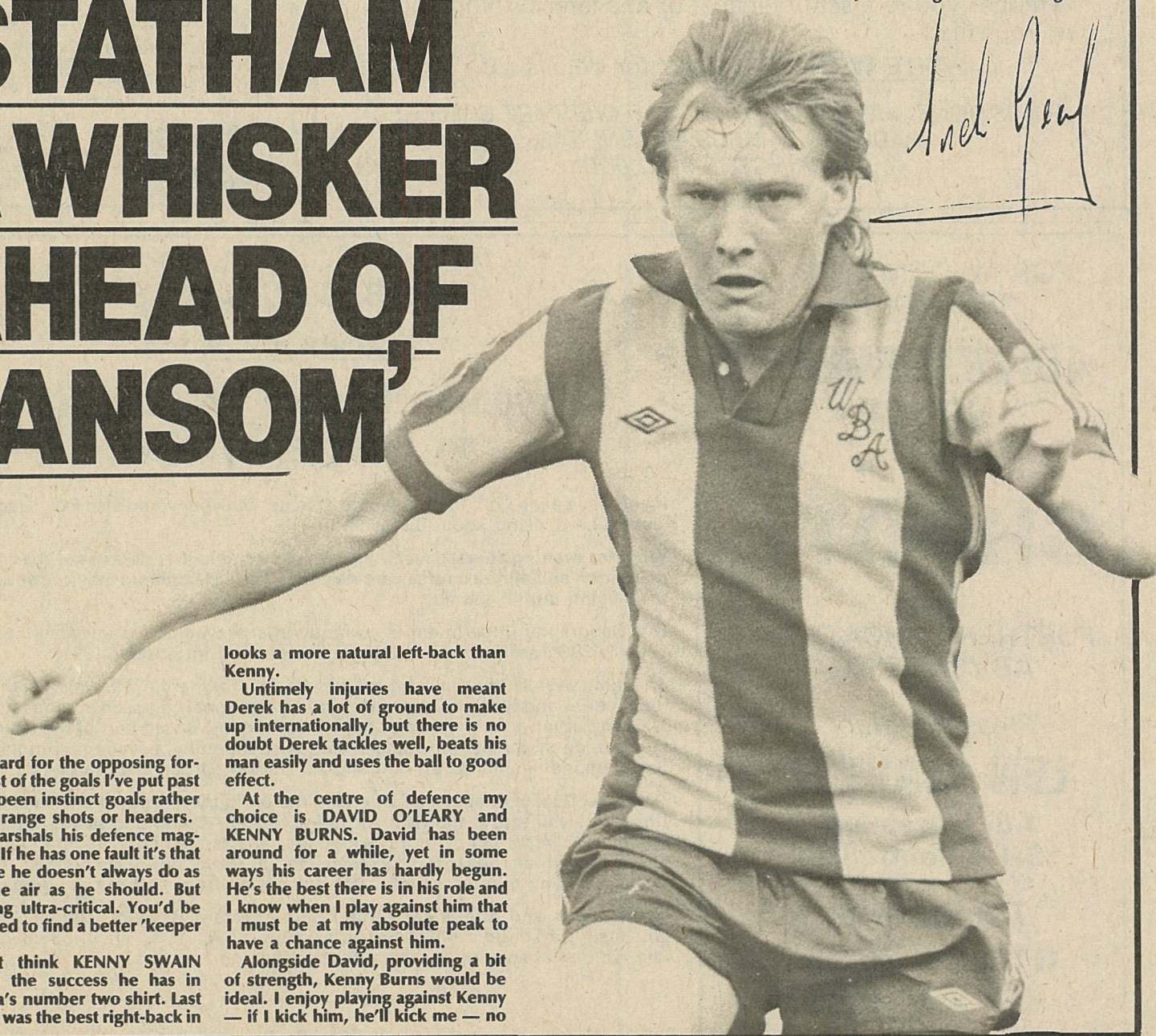
Choosing a centre-forward wasn't easy, because there are so many candidates. In the end I plumped for FRANK STAPLETON, who must be the most improved striker over the past three or four years.

Frank has scored a lot of goals in an Arsenal team not geared to score a lot and leads his front line with skill and confidence. He isn't particularly tall, but is rarely beaten in the air and Frank has assumed the responsibility of being their main striker with deadly effect.

KENNY DALGLISH completes the team because he is still our most complete striker. There's little I can say about Kenny you won't have read already. Being with him in the Scotland squad, it's obvious straight away that everyone gets on with the Liverpool star. He's a non-smoker and a non-drinker — although on the field I've heard him have a go at a few refs, even if he doesn't say boo to a goose off it.

Join me again in a fortnight.

Andy Gray

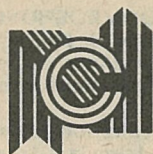


looks a more natural left-back than Kenny.

Untimely injuries have meant Derek has a lot of ground to make up internationally, but there is no doubt Derek tackles well, beats his man easily and uses the ball to good effect.

At the centre of defence my choice is DAVID O'LEARY and KENNY BURNS. David has been around for a while, yet in some ways his career has hardly begun. He's the best there is in his role and I know when I play against him that I must be at my absolute peak to have a chance against him.

Alongside David, providing a bit of strength, Kenny Burns would be ideal. I enjoy playing against Kenny — if I kick him, he'll kick me — no



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Last week we spoke to Jack Dunnett, new President of the Football League. Now SHOOT gives the Chairman of the Football Association the chance to air his views.

The MILLICHIP PLAN to save our soccer

FREDERICK Albert Millichip, solicitor, West Bromwich Albion Chairman for at least another month and newly elected Chairman of the Football Association will, if he has his way, go down in history as the man who brought about radical change in football at a time when it needed it most.

In brief, Bert Millichip wants to do what others have done no more than discuss to rescue a game which is in danger of dying in its boots.

This 66-year-old clear and clinical legal brain already knows where the problems lie, and with fellow solicitor, Labour MP Jack Dunnett, now President of the Football League there is, for the first time in decades, genuine hope that reality will at last outgun the outdated Corinthian day-dreamings of former F.A. chairman Professor Sir Harold Thompson.

Millichip, former chairman of the disciplinary commission, made his intentions crystal clear after his narrow 41-39 vote victory over continuing vice-chairman, 70-year-old former Bedfordshire headmaster Arthur McMullen.

'Concentrating'

"I believe the job I have taken on is a full-time occupation. Therefore, while remaining a member of all the relevant committees, I shall be concentrating on the job that must be done," he explained.

The problems are legion — falling attendances, hooliganism, inflated transfer-fees, non co-operation between clubs and country, television and sponsorship.

Millichip impressed everyone to whom he spoke after the Eastbourne conference election by tackling each and every one of the problems with a quiet, sincere clarity and determination.

But before examining his plans and his proposed solutions, it is important to know more about a man who, so far, seems known mainly as the person who advocated corporal punishment for hooligans.

Millichip is a West Midlands man whose involvement in football has, outside the realms of non-League amateur football during his youth, not been involved with football outside the administration side.

A married man and a parent, his hobbies include golf, but being a doing-type rather than a dreamer he gives up hours of his time for the good of football.

Millichip makes no rash

Millichip is determined to prevent English soccer's reputation being further blackened by hooligans abroad. These disgraceful scenes took place during the European Championship Finals in Italy last year.



promises. Only a passionate plea for radical change and the co-operation of football's powers to make the change a reality.

His priority is to inject pride back into the England side by tackling the club v country stumblings that have damaged the whole international structure for years.

He wants the television situation reviewed now rather than at the end of the existing two-year contract.

He wants hooligans and thugs birched and banned from the terraces.

He wants the whole transfer system looked at, questions the validity of Entertainment tax, puts a more modern viewpoint on the sensitive subject of shirt advertising and plans to examine the possibility of trimming the League's First Division.

Here is how he sees the existing problems and their possible solutions:

ENGLAND'S INTERNATIONAL TEAM

"A SUCCESSFUL England team is vital to the well-being of our domestic game, therefore we have got to become positive and not allow clubs to dictate to us. Having said that, I believe we are moving towards a new era in our relations

with the Football League.

"We received a breath of fresh air at our joint meeting with them two weeks ago because they are interested in solving the problems that conflict between club and national interests.

"If the answer is to look at the West German system — cancel fixtures before internationals and allow players to get used to playing together — then let's go ahead and do it. We have to educate ourselves internationally, and the sooner we begin, the better.

"I know what the fans want, but club pressures leave little scope for sophistication in our football. To achieve a change we must have the co-operation of the Football League, and with new president, Jack Dunnett, I believe we are going to get it.

"And as far as discussing possible alterations to the structure of the First Division, I hear whispers that the League might be prepared to get this done."

HOOLIGANISM

"WE cannot and must not allow this subject to be thrust under the table. We must make continued representations to government, and these would include the

withdrawal of passports from convicted hooligans and a return to corporal punishment.

"Steps have already been taken concerning tickets for our World Cup qualifying fixture against Norway in Oslo this September. This is not a measure anyone enjoyed advocating, but the time has come to act."

TELEVISION

"WE have a two-year contract which will be honoured. But I would like us to get together now and look at all the aspects of this subject so that when the time comes to discuss it with the TV people we will know exactly what we want. I do not want this left until shortly before the contract expires.

"If it were up to me I would not have televised football on a Saturday, particularly not before the kick-off. And I would prefer games to be televised live rather than the edited highlights which give armchair fans the wrong impression of the game."

TRANSFERS

"WE still have Entertainment tax, yet this was introduced as a temporary measure in 1916. If we could be relieved of this tax — and this is something we will look into — we would not have to pay exorbitant transfer fees to avoid paying tax at the end of the season.

"And on the subject of players, we have agreed with the League that apprentice professionals will have to take a test on the Laws of the game."

SHIRT ADVERTISING

"IT is now permissible for clubs to carry advertising on their shirts during F.A. Cup games, but only as long as their game is not being televised."

So many subjects arose as a result of the preceding main headline points that Millichip's hopes and plans need to be condensed. He wants the League to persuade clubs that managers and coaches abide by their contracts — an issue no doubt brought to a head by the departure of Albion's former manager Ron Atkinson to Manchester United. He has also shown favourable leanings towards an increase in points for a League game, Sunday football and thorough examination of any suggestion which might benefit the game as a whole.

Football never needed a strong, realistic and straight-talking leader more than it does now. And Bert Millichip — a man capable of carrying a cane in one hand and a carrot in the other — is just the man for the job.



Shirt advertising is one of the first problems which Millichip must tackle in his new role of F.A. President. Southampton and Everton are just two of the pioneers in this particular field.

Colleges of Further Education are one alternative to the dole queue.



Youngsters learning a practical skill at a TSD training course at Halton Tech.

After the match is over...

THE whistle's blown, the players depart to celebrate victory (or get over defeat) — but what about the fans?

For many, it's back to the grindstone on Monday, at work, college or school.

For some, the future's full of question-marks: Is there life after school? Or just the dole queue? There are millions of unemployed, a hundred candidates applying for some jobs.

Even young people who collect G.C.E. passes may wonder if it's worth the grind of working for 'A' levels and a degree only to finish up an unemployed graduate

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3: *There's always hope there may be a happier employment situation in three or four years' time.*

All very well for the egg-heads, but colleges are only for the bright ones, you may think. — **WRONG.**

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3: *Those who want to take a training for a particular occupation.*

4: *Older 'students' who want to change direction — or have to.*

For example: there was nothing wrong with Terry's brain except that he never applied it to anything except football.

Then — crash! Terry's once powerful right leg needed some skilled putting together again and an England cap seemed very far away. Maybe, thought Terry, he should have worked harder at school — too late for regrets now, though — or was it?

Terry's signed on for next season, for GCE for a start. After that? He's been looking at Business Studies courses.

What he likes about the new Business Education Council Awards is being able to study for them either full time or part-time. What he'd really like to do is run a sports centre.

Colin would dearly love a permanent job. He knows he didn't shine at school, partly because he got shunted round so many different schools after his family split up and never quite caught up with what the class was doing.

After several weeks unemployment, he got a place on a Work Experience Scheme in a

painting and decorating team.

They worked on a church hall, a children's home and an old people's centre.

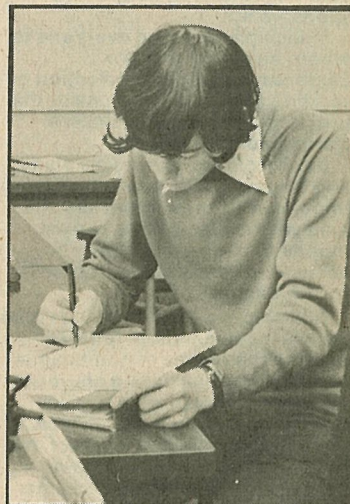
Then it was back to the dole again. He called in at the Careers Office and got talking to a careers officer about his work experience. "I wouldn't mind," he said, "helping to look after old people or children."

So the careers officer told him about a course at the local further education college which combined brushing up on basic education with finding out about jobs looking after people.

Colin was accepted on the course. His English is improving and even maths begins to make sense. Now he's wondering if he might do well enough to think about nursing.

He used to think that was a job only for women — until he met John, in charge of a ward in the local hospital.

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PEOPLE often ask me about the men in soccer who have influenced my playing and thoughts . . .

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Take Mr Waddell, for instance. He was the boss who introduced me to the Ibrox first team when I was only 16 and I'll always remember the promise he made to me on the day I signed.

"Age doesn't matter at Ibrox, son," he told me. "If you're good enough I'll have you in the team."



He certainly kept his word! I'll never forget that League Cup Final against Celtic in 1970 when I scored the winning goal.

On the day before the game Mr Waddell took me aside and told me quietly that I would be wearing the number nine jersey.

I was told to tell no one except my close family, yet I was bursting to tell the world that I would be lining up against Celtic at Hampden.

I hardly slept that night but, thankfully, everything worked out like a dream on the big day.

By the way, that was NOT my debut for Rangers and that goal was NOT my first scored for the club, either, although a lot of people seem to think that is the case.

I had played a few League Cup games before the Final and I also scored twice against Cowdenbeath at Ibrox in one of those matches.

I just thought I would put the record straight.

When Mr Waddell became gen-

eral manager of the club after our European Cup-Winners' Cup success in 1972, Jock Wallace became boss, and you couldn't help but admire the man.

He'll go out of his way to help a player and he is so understanding.

I remember when I did an infamous "disappearing act" at Ibrox. Things were getting on top of me and I wanted the opportunity to get away from it all and think things out.

For some reason or other, I thought London, of all places, would be a nice area to get away from things. Remember, I was quite young at the time!

Anyway, after a few days away from Ibrox, I was having a quiet lager in a pub in London when I was tapped on the shoulder.

You can imagine my surprise when I looked round and standing there was Jock Wallace.

Someone had got in touch with Ibrox about my whereabouts and

the boss came down personally to see me.

I thought the gaffer was going to hit the roof and give me a right dressing down there and then. Instead, however, he simply bought me a drink and said: "Let's talk this over."

By the end of the chat, I was happy to fly back to Glasgow.

I was very impressed by the way Jock Wallace handled that affair.

He was firm without blowing his top. I'll always respect his judgment.

After Mr Wallace left for Leicester City in 1978, John Greig moved into the hot seat, and I was delighted to see our former skipper getting that job.

Invaluable

I roomed with Mr Greig when we were on European trips and, as a player he passed on some invaluable hints and tips. He really epitomised Rangers when he was playing.

He gave one hundred per cent in every match. He couldn't tolerate slackers as a player and he still thinks along the same lines.

John Greig is dedicated to Rangers and he deserves all the success that will surely come his way.

Waddle, Wallace and Greig — all have varying ideas about the way the game should be played, but, thankfully, they all agree that attack is the watchword and that is a bonus for the fans.

On the international front, I have played under Willie Ormond, Ally MacLeod and Jock Stein.

Again I have been impressed in my all too short dealings with the Scottish bosses, but I still cannot understand when Mr MacLeod took me to Argentina for the World Cup Finals three years ago and refused to play me.

That will always remain a mystery to me.

Derek Johnstone

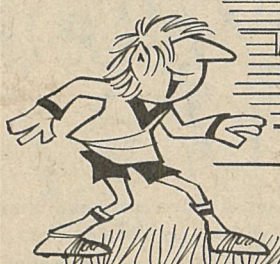
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Manager Jock Wallace and his successor John Greig (left, holding Cup) celebrate as Johnstone takes a swig of champagne after Rangers' League Cup success in 1975.

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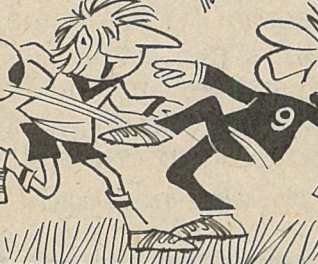
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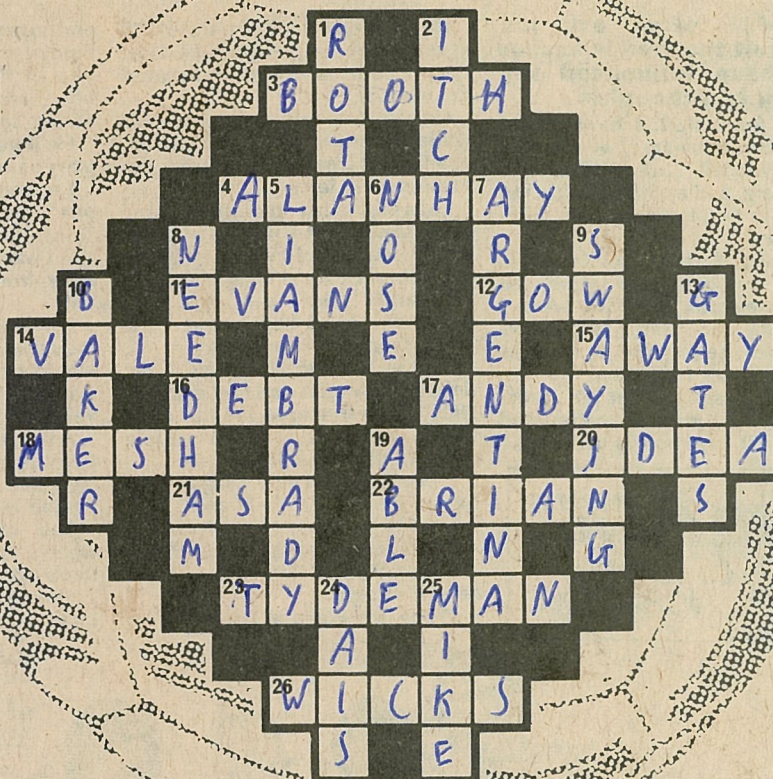
ON THE BALL CROSSWORD

ACROSS:-

- (3) Tommy —, Manchester City defender. (5)
 (14) Bristol City defender. (4 & 3)
 (11) Allan —, Aston Villa defender. (5)
 (12) Surname of Manchester City midfield player. (3)
 (14) Port — are known as the Valiants. (4)
 (15) These matches are considered more difficult to win. (4)
 (18) That which is owed. (4)
 (17) — Blair, Coventry City player. (4)
 (18) Network. (4)
 (20) Use four letters taken from Reading to get a notion. (4)
 (24) — Hartford, Everton midfield player. (3)
 (22) — Horton, Brighton midfield player. (5)
 (23) Dick —, Gillingham midfield player. (7)
 (26) Steve —, Crystal Palace defender. (5)

DOWN:-

- (1) List of players or duties. (4)
 (2) P----. What needs to be added to make the playing area? (4)
 (5) Former Arsenal player now with Juventus. (4 & 5)
 (6) If Rochdale, Celtic, Hearts and Clyde give "CLAY", what do Dundee, Stoke, East Fife and Brechin give? (4)
 (7) Current World Champions. (9)
 (8) David —, Nottingham Forest defender. (7)
 (9) Influencing. (7)
 (10) Graham —, Southampton star. (5)
 (13) Eric —, Ipswich Town striker. (5)
 (19) Fit and competent. (4)
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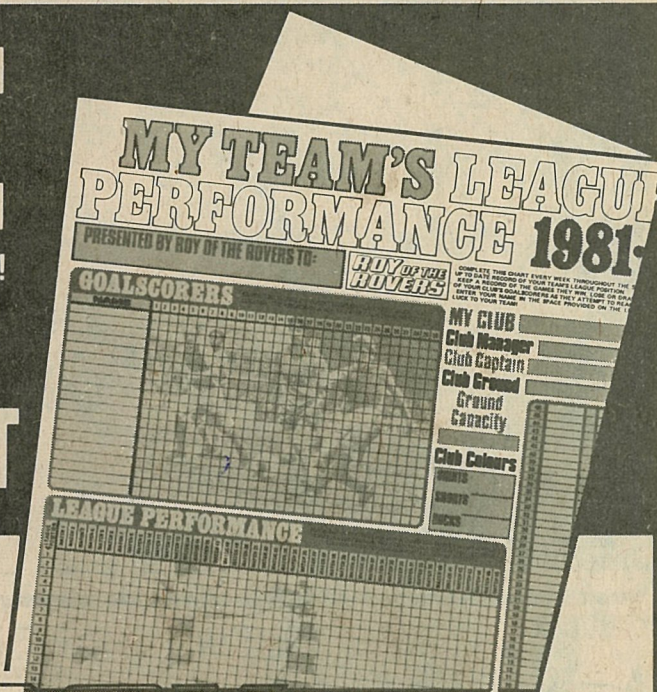
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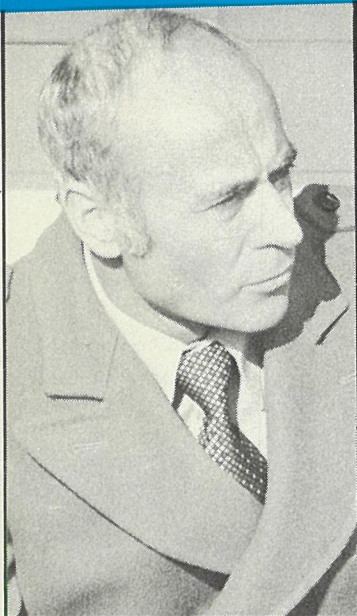


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Des Bremner—Villa's best player'

says manager RON SAUNDERS



WORDS of praise
from Ron Saunders
are about as common-
place at Villa Park as the
League Championship
trophy.

So when the Aston Villa boss with the tough-guy image singles out midfield man Des Bremner as: "Our most consistent performer during the Championship campaign," you can be sure the plaudits are deserved.

As a player, work-rate and effort never frightened Saunders. As a manager, he demands every ounce of effort and energy from his men. So it is perhaps not surprising

that Saunders should single out midfield aggressor Bremner as the most influential player in an Aston Villa side which captured the League Championship for the first time in 71 years.

But the 28-year-old Scotsman, signed for £200,000 from Hibernian a couple of years ago, is quick to play down his contribution.

"There were at least six or seven other players who were as consistent as I was," claims Bremner.

"There is no way we could have taken the title if I was the only player performing well on a regular basis."

Like many other Villa players, Bremner is somewhat angry at suggestions that the title was handed to them on a plate by an overloaded Ipswich side.

"Any side which finishes top after 42 games deserves the title, no matter what people say," he says.

"OK, so we were fortunate with injuries, but we achieved a superb balance and consistency which no other team, including Ipswich, could match.

"It was team work which gave us the title. I played my part, and others did what was asked of them. But it was understanding and collective effort which settled it.

"All I can say is that Ipswich set their sights too high. They thought they could win three trophies, but in the end had to settle for just the UEFA Cup. I don't think they were ever in a position to say they had

the League title sewn up."

Yet despite those suggestions that Villa were fortunate in victory, Bremner nevertheless regards last season as the highlight of his career.

His only regret was that he remained so long in Scottish football, for he is convinced he could be an even better player had he arrived in England earlier.

"I was 26 when I joined from Hibs, but if I had come to Villa two years earlier I think I might have won a regular place in the international side.

"I'm 28, so I doubt whether I'll get the chance now. I'd love the chance, but at this stage of my career it won't be easy.

"The problem was that I'd seen some good Scottish players go down to England and struggle, and

I suppose that put me off a bit.

"About four years ago Newcastle were after my signature, and I was tempted. But then Gordon Lee left for Everton and the whole deal fell through.

"The big difference between the game in England and Scotland is the number of quality players down here.

"At Hibs, there were about three good players, and the rest were just average. At Villa there are seven or eight top class men."

Bremner also believes his own game has greatly benefited from the move. "A lot of the credit for that has to go to Ron Saunders.

'Bad Habits'

"When I first arrived I had a lot of bad habits, but he soon sorted those out and put me on the right track.

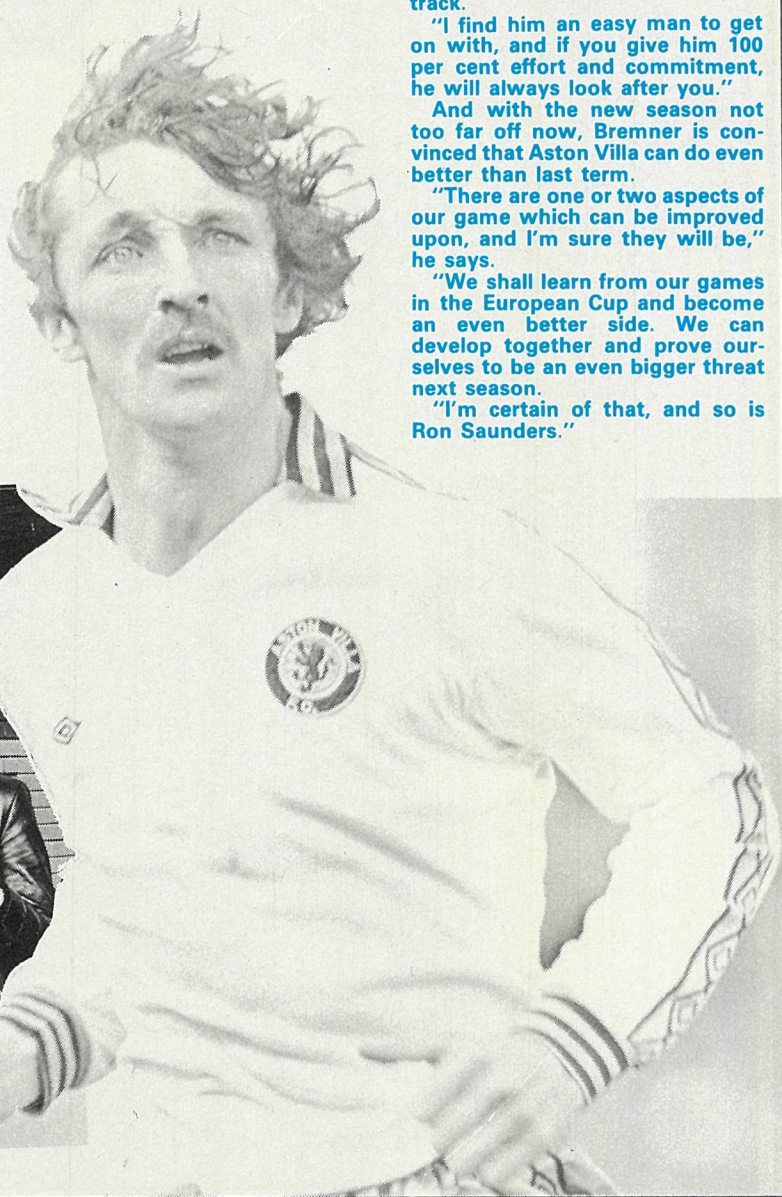
"I find him an easy man to get on with, and if you give him 100 per cent effort and commitment, he will always look after you."

And with the new season not too far off now, Bremner is convinced that Aston Villa can do even better than last term.

"There are one or two aspects of our game which can be improved upon, and I'm sure they will be," he says.

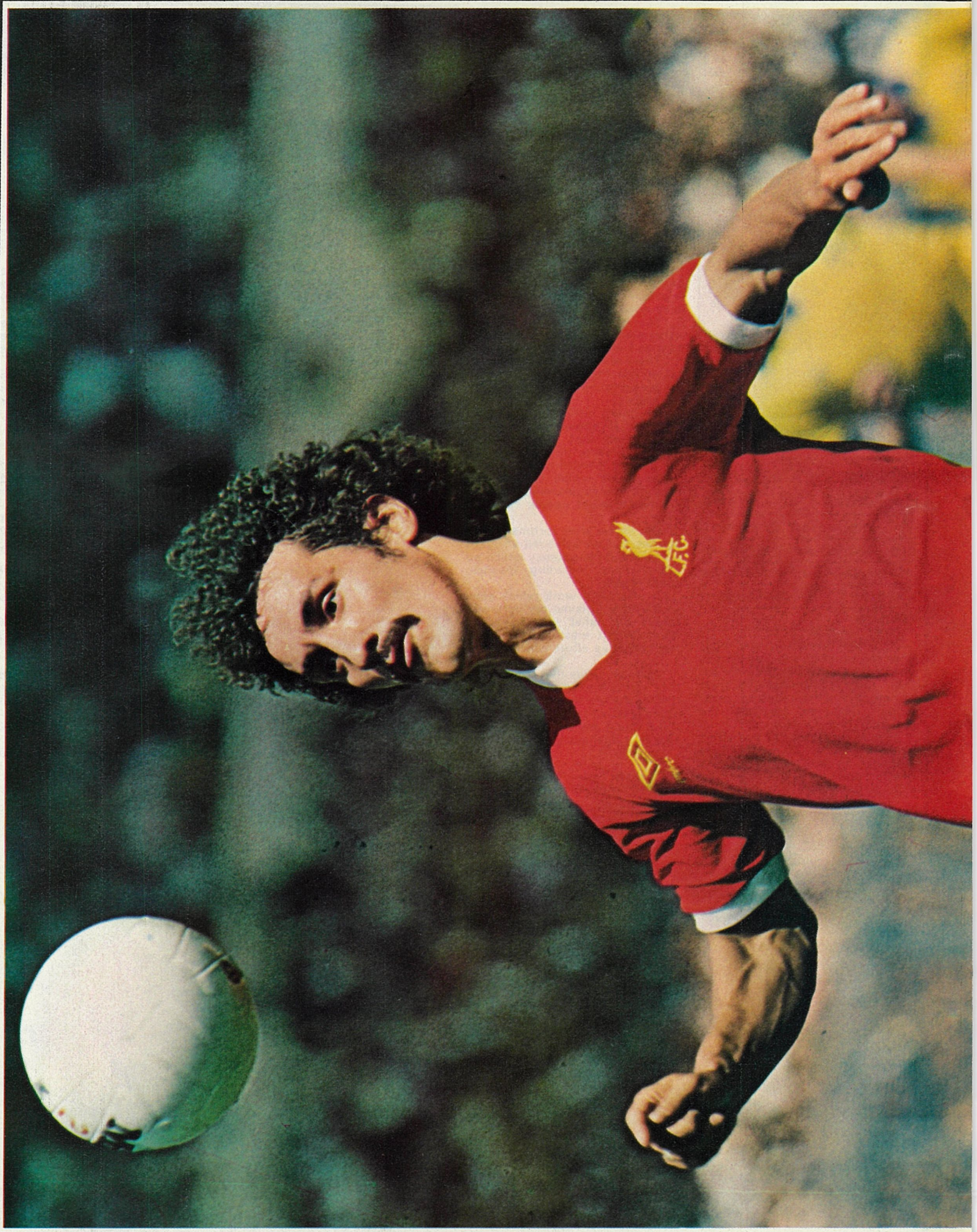
"We shall learn from our games in the European Cup and become an even better side. We can develop together and prove ourselves to be an even bigger threat next season.

"I'm certain of that, and so is Ron Saunders."



Des Bremner, voted Player of the Year by Villa's Longbridge supporters.







TERRY McDERMOTT
Liverpool

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Liverpool Champions

LIVERPOOL have once again proved the critics and the media wrong.

Despite injuries to key players they still became the first English side to win the European Cup three times.

And don't forget they also beat West Ham 2-1 in a really exciting League Cup Final replay.

They've really made the critics eat their words. I'm sure they will come back next season and play their very best to clinch the First Division title again.

SHALIZADI HUSSAIN,
WALTHAMSTOW.

● Perhaps, but I fancy Bob Paisley will add another new face or two to the team soon.

Liverpool's Graeme Souness, Terry McDermott, Kenny Dalglish and Alan Hansen with the European Cup.



This week's Star Letter comes from Elaine Barnes of Woodbridge, Suffolk, who wins our Special Prize of £10. She writes:

IPSWICH'S FANS THE BEST

Ipswich Town must have the best behaved supporters anywhere in Europe. It seems a pity, though, that well behaved fans do not get the headlines, only those who cause trouble. For example, the Liverpool and England fans, who brought disgrace to the country. Ipswich have played 42 European games, which means they have played 21 away in Europe, but not once has anyone been arrested, which is a great achievement. In the UEFA Cup Final against AZ '67 Alkmaar the 8,000 supporters who went to Amsterdam didn't cause any trouble whatsoever. Ipswich fans got glowing reports from many places in Amsterdam and on the ferries. It seems a pity that Ipswich at the moment appear to be the only ones making friends in Europe and not enemies. ● Ipswich have good directors, management, players... and fans. They're an example to all in every respect.

Pen-pal

I AM a 17-year-old Swedish girl, who supports Liverpool F.C. I would like to correspond with English football supporters of my age, preferably Liverpool fans.

ANN-MARIE FORSBERG,
MALMORAGEN 50,
121 51 JOHANNESHOV, SWEDEN.

TV switch

AT the start of last season there was much talk about the television switch around between BBC and ITV.

I, for one, will be glad when the BBC return to the Saturday night slot. ITV's timing was bad for a start, with the programme starting at earliest 10.30, much too late for many schoolboys.

I can remember Match of the Day starting at 10.15 and during their last season before ITV took over on Saturday nights the BBC put it on at 9.45 or 9.30.

Many wondered whether a tea time slot was sensible timing. I found it a very good time to just sit down and relax as there can be plenty of hustle and bustle going on after lunch.

DAVID MORGAN,
SHREWSBURY.

● General opinion seems to be that the 'traditional' time-slots were the best ones.

Friendly Keegan

WHEN Kevin Keegan came to Malaysia with the Southampton team he impressed Malaysians not only with his skill on the turf and football, but more so by the warmth, friendliness and honesty he showed towards his fans here.

As was written by many sportswriters in the local magazines, he was so nice that we cannot help but compare his attitude to that displayed by other foreign soccer stars like Johan Neeskens, Franz Beckenbauer or Giorgio Chinaglia when they were here two years ago. They were like icebergs in comparison.

Maybe it is in part due to Kevin's natural friendly way with people. Or perhaps these others never cared, like Keegan, to break down those self-imposed airs they put around themselves for their fans or admirers.

K. L. ONG,
PENANG.

● Kevin's been a great asset to his country, on and off the pitch.

Greedy Jordan

I THINK that Joe Jordan is greedy and downright selfish.

He was asking for £1,000 a week from Manchester United. If he was given that other United players would want the same amount, which would make the

club bankrupt.

I'll never know how AC Milan could pay him twice that much because no British player is good enough to earn that kind of wage.

N. WALTON,
STOKE-ON-TRENT.

● If Jordan helps Milan become Champions, as Liam Brady did with Juventus, they'll consider him worth every penny.

New era

LAST season marked a new age in English football; for better or for worse the authorities changed several important features of the game.

Sunday football was allowed, the card system was scrapped, the decision was taken to give three points for a win, managers can no longer hop from club to club *ad lib* and Q.P.R. were allowed to install an all-weather pitch.

I'm not saying that these are all good measures, but the fact English football is now prepared to adapt can only spell good for the future.

PAUL HARCUP,
WINKFIELD.

● Whether these decisions were the right ones remains to be seen.

Mansfield omen

SUPPORTERS of Mansfield Town can feel pleased with their final position last season. True, seventh in Division Four can hardly be noted as an outstanding achievement, not unless you look at the final tables for the last seven years.

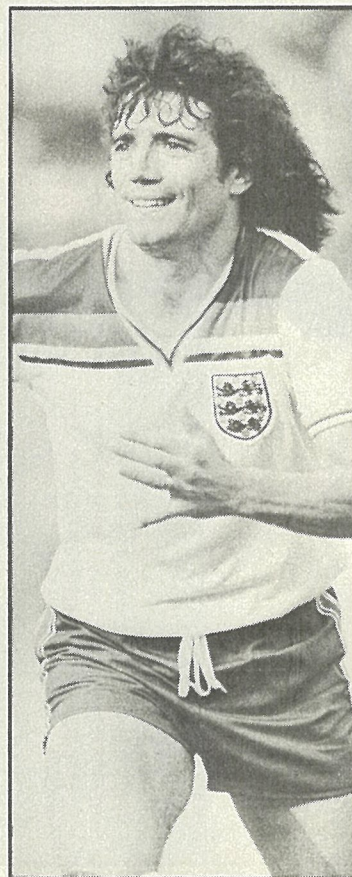
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Mansfield 80-81 (7th) 81-82 ?

Another sequence worthy of note is that Leicester and Notts County both finished 17th in Division Two prior to clinching promotion to the First Division.

Could 81-82 be the season for Orient (finishing 17th last season)?

PAUL FORD,
HARLINGTON.

● No.



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Brothers

I know there have been several pairs of brothers, like Bobby and Jack Charlton, who've played together in the same international side. But has there ever been more than one such pair in a game?

DAMIAN CROWLEY,
OLDHAM

● Yes, it has happened, Damian, though obviously not that often.

And that's where Wales seem to hold that unique record.

For in three full internationals — v. Northern Ireland (Belfast, 20th April, 1955); v. Israel (Tel Aviv, 15th January, 1958); and v. Brazil (Rio de Janeiro, 12th May, 1962) — the Welsh line-up included brothers John and Mel Charles, and Ivor and Len Allchurch.

Great Britain

I've heard there have been games since the last War played between combined teams representing Great Britain and the Rest of Europe. What were the results and scorers?

ALEX GORDON,
GLASGOW

● There have been two official ones, Alex — Britain winning 6-1 in Glasgow on 10th May, 1947; and being beaten 4-1 in Belfast on 13th August, 1955.

In the first game, two each of Britain's goals came from Englishmen Wilf Mannion and Tommy Lawton; plus one from Scotland's Billy Steel, and an own-goal from Parola (Italy). Gunnar Nordhal (Sweden) scored for Rest of Europe.

In the second, Bobby Johnstone (Scotland) scored Britain's only goal; those for Europe being three for Vukas (Yugoslavia) and one from Vincente (France).

SHORT PASSES

● Manchester United were elected to the Football League in 1892. Until 1902, they played under the name of Newton Heath.

(ARA AWAREZ, Iraq)

● Aston Villa's record home gate is 76,588 (v. Derby; F.A. Cup Sixth Round; 2nd March, 1946).

(SARA CHILTERN, Birmingham)

● Liverpool's record win is 11-0 (v. Stromgodset; European Cup-Winners' Cup; 17th September, 1974); their record defeat is 1-9 (v. Birmingham; Division Two; 11th December, 1954).

(COSTAS LOIZIDES, Cyprus)

● Peter Withe joined Villa from Newcastle on 27th May, 1980. His previous Football League teams had been Forest, Birmingham, Wolves, Barrow, and Southport.

(JANET BARNES, Liverpool)

'Short Passes are replies to readers' letters.

KNOWING Brian Clough and Peter Taylor as I do, they will be quietly setting their sights high after the disappointments at Nottingham Forest last season.

It was a year of changes last time around, with a lot of players leaving and one or two coming and I'm certain the management will be wanting to have a more settled outlook.

Forest finished seventh in the First Division last season and by Clough and Taylor standards that is failure. We didn't even have the consolation of qualifying for Europe.

Disappointing exits in the European Cup to CSKA Sofia and Watford in the League Cup were major blows and when we did look like saving something from the season in the F.A. Cup we went out to

our European Cup successes and gave Forest the identity they now hold as one of the top clubs in the country . . . and indeed Europe.

That reputation took a bit of a blow last season, but although it's been a fairly quiet summer on the transfer front, you can be sure that Clough and Taylor will have been plotting ways in which they can put Forest back in the forefront.

I'm not quite sure whether free-

'WE'RE GOING CUP HUNTING'

Ipswich in the Sixth Round.

But Cup competitions have always been a bonus to the Forest management and that's why they will be setting their stall out to try and win the League Championship that came to the City Ground in that memorable 1977-78 season.

That paved the way for

dom from European competition will act for or against us.

The management always argue that European involvement stimulates interest but the lack of mid-week games abroad could provide the rest cure that might come in useful.

Steve Shilton



KEEP UP WITH SHILTON

'Don't blame Joe for leaving'

IT must have come as a great relief to Bobby Robson and all Ipswich fans that Frans Thijssen decided to sign a new two-year contract to stay at Portman Road.

There is no disputing the impact he has made at Ipswich in recent years and his decision to stay is another indication that the East Anglian side are again going to be a force to be reckoned with in the coming season.

But what is also very interesting — and a guide to the esteem that English football has in the world — is the fact that Thijssen chose Ipswich at a time when some of Europe's top clubs were reported to be chasing him.

He could presumably have gone to Germany, Spain, Italy or even back to Holland and made a lot more money — even though he obviously has a very lucrative contract at Ipswich.

And it just shows how much appeal English football has got when it can win over individuals who seemingly have their choice of

the top footballing countries in Europe.

Although I have said that I thought a move abroad might be the best thing for me, I don't underestimate the appeal of English football. It will always be the best in the world as far as I'm concerned.

Experience

You can't blame players like Kevin Keegan, Tony Woodcock, Liam Brady and now Joe Jordan for wanting to experience what it is like on the Continent but at the same time they all appreciate the quality of English League football.

That's why Thijssen and Arnold Muhren went to Ipswich in the first place, why Osvaldo Ardiles and Ricky Villa went to Tottenham and why other leading foreign players have made their way to England.

As long as the transfer ceiling is so low, players are sure to keep moving about.

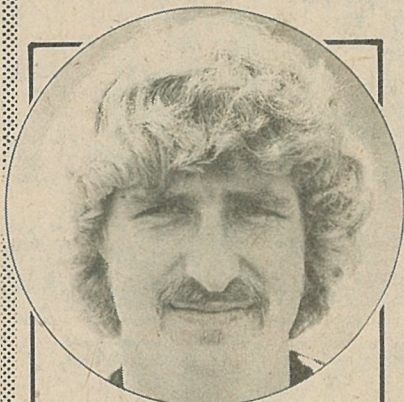
And I'm sure the trend will continue.



Keegan sent off twice — in a week

IN AUGUST, 1974, Kevin Keegan became the only current player to be sent off twice in senior matches in less than a week. Playing with Liverpool, he was dismissed in a match against Kaiserslautern (in West Germany) and also against Leeds United in the F.A. Charity Shield at Wembley five days later.

PHIL BOYER, now with Manchester City, is the only player to have been sent off three times in Football League Cup-ties — with Norwich City v. Sheffield United on November 12, 1974, and with Southampton v. Crystal Palace on August 30, 1977, and Leeds United on February 24, 1979.



FULHAM'S KEVIN LOCK is the only current player who has **TWICE** scored for both sides in one League match. He did that double when playing with West Ham against Q.P.R. in September, 1977, and with Fulham against Birmingham in November, 1979.

SOCCER SENSATIONS

Some fantastic football facts that hit the headlines...

WIGAN ATHLETIC and ex-Manchester United and Crewe Alexandra striker **Peter Coyne** is believed to rank as the only player who ever achieved two

Dalglish's Wembley hat-trick

KENNY DALGLISH ranks as the only player who, in his first Football League season, turned out at Wembley three times without being on the losing side. With Liverpool in 1977-78 he played there in the F.A. Charity Shield and the Football League Cup and European Cup Finals.



Three times at Wembley in one season. Kenny Dalglish claims that record.

Black Mark

BIRMINGHAM CITY full-back **Mark Dennis** ranks as the only player since the War to have been sent off twice in Football League matches against the same opponents in the same season. Against Wolves he was dismissed at Molineux on Boxing Day in 1978 and at St Andrews on April 14.

In trouble again. Mark Dennis of Birmingham takes the long walk against Nottingham Forest in August last year.



A double soccer century

DERBY COUNTY's Kevin Hector is the only current player who ever scored more than four times in a Football League match. He hit five for Bradford Park Avenue in Division Four against Barnsley on November 20, 1965. He is also the only current player to have scored a century of Football League goals with each of two clubs, now defunct Bradford Park Avenue and his present club, Derby County.



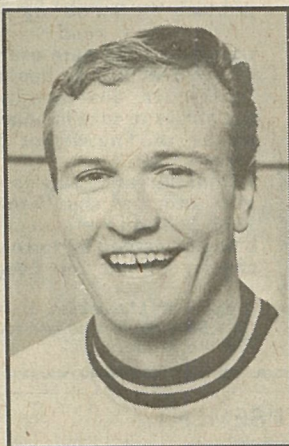


hat-tricks at Wembley during the 58 years in which soccer has been played there. He did it in schoolboy international matches for England in season 1973-74.

ROMFORD-born Norwich City midfielder Mark Halsey, appearing in an away match against Newcastle United in April, 1978, became — and still remains — the youngest player ever sent off in his Football League debut. He was only 18.



CURRENT Leeds United player Brian Flynn scored in a full international (for Wales v. Scotland at Cardiff on May 17, 1975, above) and in a Football League Cup-tie (two for Burnley at Hereford on September 9, 1975) before he got his first-ever League goal (v. Everton on January 31, 1976).



Oxbridge honours

MANCHESTER UNITED manager Ron Atkinson is the only man now in Football League service who has won honours with the clubs of both Oxford and Cambridge. As a player he helped Oxford United to rise from Division Four to Two; then he managed Cambridge United when they rose to Three.

A youthful Ron Atkinson (left) in his Oxford United days.



JEREMY CHARLES, born on September 26, 1959, led Swansea City's scoring list with 23 Division Four goals in 1976-77 — the youngest player ever to finish a season first with any Football League club.

BOB STOKOE is the only man in history to have had two separate spells as manager with each of three Football League clubs: Blackpool, Rochdale and Carlisle United (his present club).

Osman's dual role

ON Wednesday afternoon March 19, 1975, Russell Osman captained England's RUGBY UNION schoolboy international side against Wales at Twickenham. On the same evening he was in Ipswich Town's Youth team at SOCCER against Arsenal.

Ball hit Hammers

ALAN BALL is the only player since the War to have twice scored from a penalty-kick within a minute of the kick-off in a Football League match. Playing for Arsenal he scored after 40 seconds against West Ham on August 29, 1972, and after 55 seconds, also against West Ham on March 20, 1976.



CHARLTON ATHLETIC chairman Michael Gliksten was the youngest-ever director of a Football League club. He was only 18 when Charlton first elected him to their board — and they made him chairman when he was 23.

LEICESTER CITY'S JOCK WALLACE is the only current manager of a Football League club who used to be a goalkeeper in the League (with West Brom). Actually he and his father (with Blackpool) both did so.

Four goal Francis

ON February 20, 1971, Trevor Francis, now with Forest, hit all the goals in a Birmingham City 4-0 win against Bolton Wanderers. It made him, at two months short of 17, the youngest ever player to score four times in a Football League peacetime match.

ONE-time England right-half Stan Anderson, Bolton Wanderers' manager until last May, ranks as the only player since the War to have turned out in the Football League with all the North-East's Big Three — Middlesbrough, Newcastle United and Sunderland.

HARRY Gregg, the hero who once pulled out the dead, the dying and the barely alive from that Manchester United air crash disaster at Munich, has just experienced the most bitter moment of his lifetime in football — sacked as coach at Old Trafford.

The unkindest cut of all is that he leaves a club to which he was devoted after reaching the summit of his career as a specialist consultant to goalkeepers. Four of his most famous 'apprentices' can look back to a 1980-81 season with a special 'thank you' to the man United have fired.

Jimmy Rimmer won a League Championship medal with Aston Villa; big Joe Corrigan was voted

GREGG'S MEN

'Man of the Match' in that epic F.A. Cup Final; Dai Davies became the most capped Welsh goalkeeper of all time; and young Gary Bailey was called into the England squad.

At crucial stages in their careers, each had turned to the carrot-haired Irishman, himself one of the all time goalkeeping 'greats' for help. Gregg came up with the answers "but only because all of them WANTED to be helped," he insists. "Otherwise, I could have done nothing."

Corrigan joined Gregg at Shrewsbury when the former

Manchester and Northern Ireland international was manager there; Rimmer and Davies came to him, also on loan, when he was in charge at Swansea; Bailey was under his wing at Old Trafford from the start of his first class career.

"I treated them as I would have wanted to be treated myself: a kick up the backside when it was needed and an arm around the shoulder when that was needed. Other than that, each man had to be worked on differently according to his needs," says Gregg.

"Joe was the first and I took him at around 19 or 20 when he was in Manchester City's 'A' team. He was a fine, strong lad who needed to have the strengths of his game improved — I always believe in working on the strong points.

"He didn't need to become a trapeze artist (there are too many of them about) to become a fine goalkeeper. Just confidence and the ability to take in some bits and pieces of knowledge from my experience."

Rimmer and Davies followed each other at the Vetch Field in 1973-74. Both were on the point of being discarded by top clubs, Manchester United and Everton, and

Gregg with Manchester United 'keeper Gary Bailey before he was sacked at Old Trafford recently.

both knew their form and their confidence was in shreds.

"It seems amazing now, but Jimmy was on his way out," recalls Gregg. "He had declined in 'A' team football at Old Trafford and that was no place for one of the most talented goalkeepers in the game." In 17 consecutive Fourth Division matches, Gregg repaired all the damage: then Rimmer was on his way to Arsenal, Aston Villa and England.

The week after Rimmer left Swansea, Davies had taken his place. "If anything, Dai's confidence was at an even lower point," says Gregg.

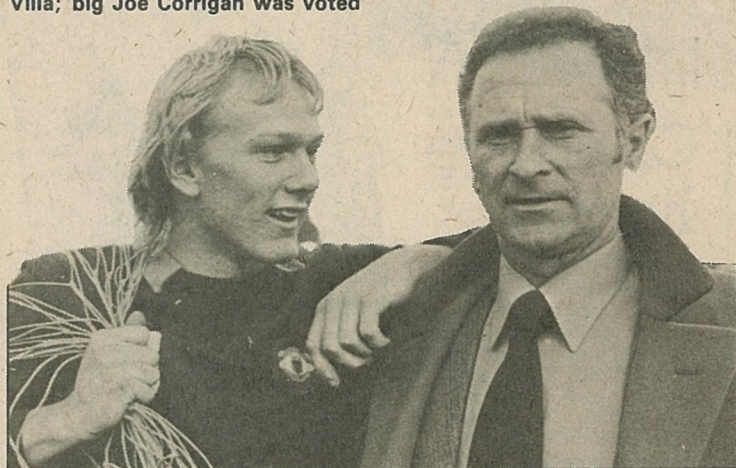
'Strength'

"The answer to Dai's problem was to use his height and strength in his area and go for the ball. It paid off, and no man has more deserved to be a record breaker for his country."

The latest in the Gregg production line is Manchester United's brilliant Bailey. "I can't tell you how much time we put in, but there was a lot of it," states Gregg.

Only hours before Bailey left to join the England squad for the British Championship, Gregg had him on the Old Trafford training ground working on crosses, angles and reaction saves.

"He is like all of them — goalkeepers who want to learn," says Gregg. "Like everyone else, I like to be associated with the big names but, in truth, I enjoy helping anyone making something of his career."



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THE English stars of mighty Manchester United, Liverpool, Ipswich, Arsenal and Southampton still may not reach the World Cup Finals. But half a dozen Englishmen rejected years ago by unfashionables like Tranmere Rovers, Blackpool, Preston and Wimbledon could taste glory in Spain.

New Zealand, land of giant rugby men and tough farmers, is about to shock the soccer world. The Kiwis are on the verge of football history by closing on a place in the World Cup Finals in Spain next summer.

While England have slipped, the New Zealand side, full of British rejects and managed by a blunt Lancastrian, is full of hope.

Now, New Zealand eyes look to the final hurdle — a play-off group against Saudia Arabia, Kuwait and China — to decide who goes to Spain. Two of those countries qualify for Spain from the play-off.

No wonder New Zealand manager, John Adshead, once a player with Exeter and Hartlepool, says: "We'll never have a better chance. Our side is unbeaten, confidence is high and we believe we're good enough to do it. The standard will be higher in the final play-off group, but we believe we can get there."

Players tossed on to the soccer scrapheap by British clubs make up the majority of the New Zealand side. Leading scorer, Steve Wooddin from Birkenhead, lasted only one year as a professional with Tranmere Rovers before emigrating.

'Higher Standard'

"My contract with Tranmere ended by mutual agreement," he says. "It didn't work out and they didn't want me. So I packed up and came here. Now, I'd never go back — for football or anything else. I'm a trainee manager at a retail department store and my standard of living is far higher than I could have hoped for in England."

"It's a different world here and such a nice place. I've been here four years and won my first cap for New Zealand last May, against Mexico."

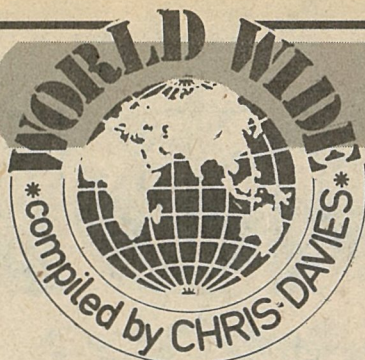
The British interest doesn't end there. Centre-back Bobby Almond was born in London and had spells as a Spurs amateur and Orient reserve. He played for Walthamstow Avenue for three years before leaving the UK.

Right-back John Hill, an ex-Irish League international, comes from Northern Ireland and once played for Glentoran in the European Cup.

Defender Dave Bright played for Watford and Wimbledon, midfielder Duncan Cole was born in Surrey, defender Adrian Elrick was born in Aberdeen and played in Scottish soccer while Brian Turner, also born in England, played briefly for Chelsea, Portsmouth and Brentford.

Goalkeeper Richard Wilson, born in New Zealand, had a spell with Dutch club Feyenoord of Rotterdam in 1978.

"My squad's of bits and pieces," says Adshead. "But they'll do for



This week World Wide takes a special look at the triumphant Kiwis

New Zealand's team of English rejects are heading for the World Cup Finals

BITS AND PIECES!



New Zealand coach John Adshead (above left) is pleased with victories such as that against the Fijians (left).



Celebrations after winning in Australia to take a step closer to Spain.

do because they didn't understand. But I was gradually sorting out players and now I've got the squad I want.

"The World Cup means as much to a coach as to a player. The coach has his ego, too, and I can't deny I'd be thrilled to lead New Zealand to Spain. It would be the biggest thing by far in my career."

"If we get there no one will go with any illusions. We'd aim to learn as much as we could and battle hard to avoid a hiding from anyone. But getting there would be our achievement."

Adshead rates his side as "probably reasonable English Third Division standard." So he must see the rich irony of England's possible exclusion and New Zealand's quite probable presence in Spain.

"It's ridiculous really," he says.

New Zealand dangerman Grant Turner (white) causes problems for the Australian defence.



"But it shows what you can do if you have determined players who are prepared to battle for success."

"England haven't qualified for the Finals since 1962. They were automatic entries in 1966 and 1970. That's 19 years and there must be something deeply wrong in that situation. It's not a new problem, so how can you blame Ron Greenwood?"

Adshead's No. 2 is Keith Fallon, born in England and a former professional with Rotherham United. He also played for Southend and Sligo Rovers in Eire before joining New Zealand club Gisborne in 1972. "Keith's the hard man who dishes out the stick," says Adshead.

"No one takes it easy with him around and he's been responsible for much of our success."

New Zealand captain Steve Sumner, who couldn't make the grade at Preston or Blackpool, praises the pair. "They're the reason New Zealand can go to the World Cup Finals," says Sumner, a 26-year-old professional with the Australian club Newcastle.

'Discipline'

"They've organised the side, brought commitment and discipline. The ragged New Zealand outfits of the past were hopeless; it's the coaching of these two which has made this side so different."

But even if New Zealand astound the soccer world by reaching Spain next summer, Adshead doubts whether it will improve domestic soccer in the country.

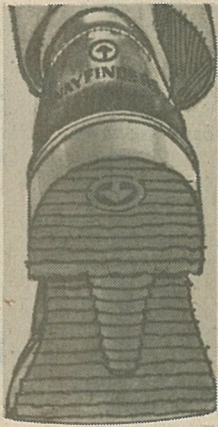
"It will be a one-off," he says. "There isn't the money here to improve the game drastically, even though 12,000 saw us play Australia in Auckland this year."

But that's for the future. Right now, Kiwi eyes are on Spain and the great soccer story Down Under has everyone worried. Anxious Saudi Arabia even sent a party to see the Kiwis beat Taiwan in a qualifier. The Arabs visited training grounds, assessed hotels and made early plans for the qualifying game they must play in Auckland.

"They even offered to pay all our expenses and meet our every wish if we'd agree to forsake our home match against them and play it in Riyadh," grinned Adshead. "It proves they're worried already."

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THE ball came out of the gloom, landing at the dancing feet of Keith Chegwin. In a flash, Cheggers accelerated away, slipping the ball to Kevin Keegan and demanding a return. Seconds later he took the England captain's slide rule pass in his stride and rocketed a shot past the goalkeeper.

The fans danced for joy to salute one of the greatest goals Wembley had seen for many a day.

Then Keith woke up... His moment of glory is the climax to a recurring dream the BBC Television *Swop Shop* star has enjoyed since his childhood

days on soccer crazy Merseyside.

Keith might be regarded as something of a TV superstar but he reveals that he would willingly have cancelled his work for the "Beeb" if either Liverpool or Everton had offered him a contract to play First Division football for them.

So how did the two mighty Merseyside clubs overlook the wing talents of the lad who brings fun to millions of homes on Saturday mornings?

"Because I'm hopeless at football," grins Cheggers. "I love the game but I've got about as much idea of playing football as Noel Edmunds."

"Come to think of it, Noel might be a shade better than me."

Keith reddens with embarrassment when he recalls the day he

played with Bobby Moore, the former England captain.

"The great Bobby Moore slipped me a pass and I flashed it past the goalkeeper into the back of the net... for an own goal!"

Keith, who plays regularly for the Entertainers XI to raise money for charity, admits that he has most of the essentials to make a professional footballer with one notable exception — ability.

"I've got the dedication, the enthusiasm, the loyalty, I'll run through brick walls for the boss, turn up on time for training, wear a collar and tie on match days... if only I could pass the ball straight and kick it with my instep."

"Liverpool, Everton, Tranmere, I would have given my right arm to have played for any of them."

"I've lived in the South for the

"The game must encourage characters. That's what I like and most of the young soccer fans I know demand the same."

Keith is currently calling for help from every soccer supporter in the country to help him raise money in aid of the Save the Children Fund's Stop Polio Campaign. The appeal is part of the Rail Riders/Trustee Savings Banks contribution to the International Year of Disabled People.

Keith explains: "Stop Polio is a worldwide campaign to immunise children for life against contracting polio. The appeal aims to immunise many thousands more children."

"If soccer fans reading this can raise just £1 they will have collected enough money to make one child safe from contracting polio."

"Leaflets containing details of

CHEGERS' dream of glory



past 14 years but I'm still a great follower of the three Northern clubs.

"Pin me down and I have to admit I like players more than teams. I tend to look out for characters."

"Kevin Keegan, always smiling, always enthusiastic, is my sort of player. The crowds love him. He's an entertainer and you can see he really enjoys the game."

'Delighted'

"And what about that fiery chapie Alan Ball? I'm delighted he's still in the game. Is it really 15 years since he made the West Germans look silly in the 1966 World Cup Final?"

"One of my early heroes was Liverpool striker Ian St. John, a 'saint' if ever I saw one."

"Billy Bremner, of Leeds and Scotland, Nobby Stiles, all fire and brimstone at Manchester United, and the 'king' himself, Bobby Charlton."

the campaign are available from main British Rail stations, Trustee Savings Banks or Save the Children Fund offices.

"In return, for every 50p you raise, you will receive a colourful sticker badge."

"It should never be forgotten that running, walking and playing football are things that we take for granted. Have you ever stopped to wonder what it must be like if you can't move either your arms or legs? This is what happens to many victims of polio."

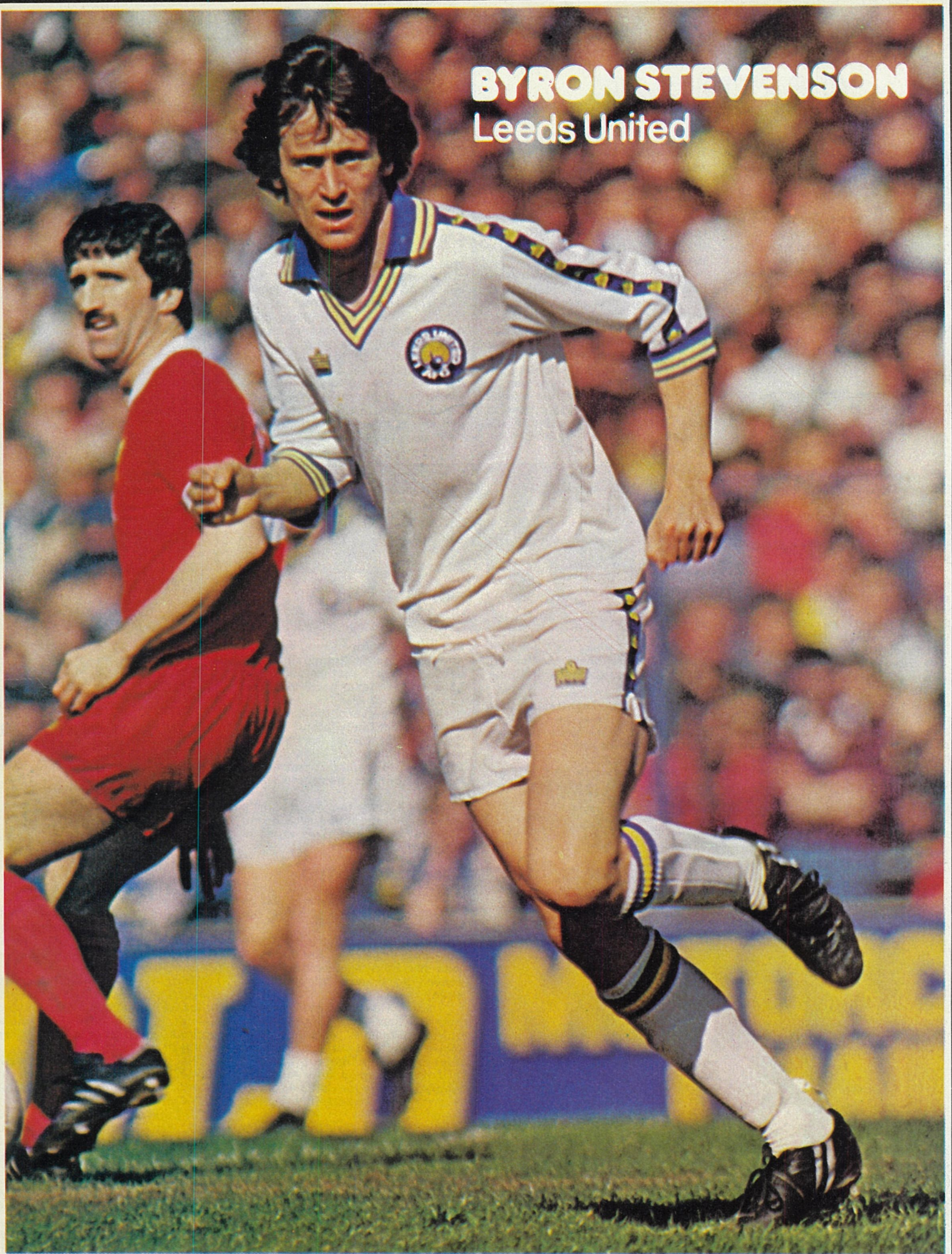
No doubt many adults and children confined to wheelchairs have enjoyed the same dream that haunts Keith Chegwin. A pass from Glenn Hoddle, a dummy to send the defence the wrong way, and a sizzling goal from 20 yards.

Sadly, for them, a dream can never become reality.

West Brom stars Cyrille Regis, Tony Godden and Bryan Robson took advantage of the summer break to enjoy a spot of the Hong Kong sunshine. And while they were out there, the Albion trio turned out for local First Division side Happy Valley in a friendly against Inter Milan. Unfortunately, they weren't smiling after the game — Inter won 1-0.



BYRON STEVENSON
Leeds United



SHOOT!

McClelland's SACRIFICE

GIANT John McClelland has already made one sacrifice since joining Rangers in a lightning £90,000 deal from Mansfield in the close season . . .

"I knew Rangers had a rule barring players from having facial hair," says John. "I had no option but to shave off my beard."

"It was a sacrifice, but it was a small token considering what I was getting in return."

"Rangers are club of genuine quality and pedigree. Everyone knows of the famous Glasgow Rangers. No matter where you go in the world you seem to meet an Ibrox fan."

"Now I have signed for this prestigious club and I want to prove my ability."

'Position'

"I can play at the back, centre-half or in midfield and I'll be happy to play anywhere John Greig tells me. It doesn't matter in which position I find myself, I will give this club 100 per cent effort in every game."

"Rangers are gearing themselves for the future. Their stadium will be one of the finest in Europe when it is completed some time this year and the management want to be able to field a team that will do justice to the surroundings."

"I want to play my part as Rangers once again challenge for all the honours, at home and abroad."

The experienced McClelland could prove to be a real bargain buy for manager Greig, who signed him just before Northern Ireland played Scotland at Hampden in the British Championship this year.

"Everything was done in a very

businesslike manner," says McClelland. "It was easy to be impressed by John Greig. He is as ambitious as they come and that suits me fine."

"We lost that game 2-0," says McClelland, "but it's the World Cup that matters and we still have to play Scotland in Belfast."

"I wonder what my new mates will say if Northern Ireland beat the Scots in that game. Maybe it would be a good idea if I stayed away from Ibrox for a day or so after that match!"

McClelland may still be a bit of a mystery man to the Rangers support. He started his career in Northern Ireland and had a brief spell with clubs in Wales before being signed for Mansfield by his present Irish boss Billy Bingham.

New Stars of the Old Firm

"The fee was only around £10,000," remembers McClelland, "but it was the start of something good for me."

McClelland's contract with Mansfield expired at the end of last season and there were rumours that Spurs were ready to move in for the utility star.

"Rangers came in first, though, and I was happy to sign for them," says McClelland.

A TWO-YEAR nightmare came to an abrupt end recently when Celtic swooped to sign Aberdeen's 25-year-old centre-back Willie Garner.

"I just can't tell you how happy I was to go to Celtic," says Garner. "It was an unbelievable feeling."

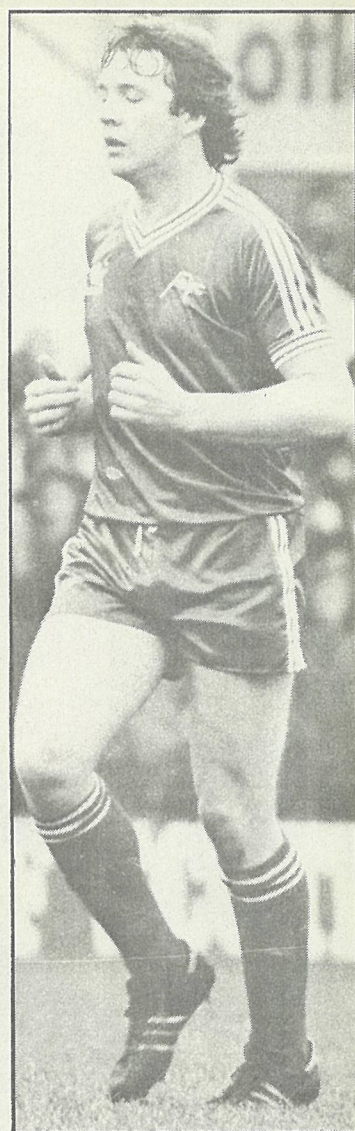
"One minute I was looking forward to a new season with Aberdeen that promised only reserve games in front of 200 or so fans. The next I was signing on the dotted line for Champions Celtic, getting ready to play in front of their massive crowds and preparing for matches in the European Cup."

"Can you blame me for thinking I was dreaming?"

Garner's nightmare started two years ago when he broke a leg in a European tie in Bulgaria. He recalls: "It was a complete accident and I had to accept that I would be out for a lengthy spell."

"Alex McLeish took over from me and just look at the progress he has made in those two years. He is easily one of the most gifted central defenders in the country now and is a regular for Scotland."

"It was terrible having to sit it



GARNER'S DREAM WORLD

partnering Roy Aitken, but McNeill is adamant that the purchase of Garner doesn't mean the end of the road for the former Dundee United striker.

"Tom is a wonderful utility player," says McNeill. "He still has a lot to offer this club. Buying Garner simply gave me more options and gave Celtic more strength in depth."

The spotlight, then, is back on Garner, who spent five years at Pittodrie after signing from Junior club Campsie Black Watch.

"I'm still in a bit of a daze," he says. "Hearts made me a good offer to sign for them, but there was only one place I was going when Celtic came on the scene."

"It's going to be a pleasure playing with so many gifted performers, I'm determined not to let anyone down."

Willie Garner has stepped out of a nightmare straight into a dream world . . .



Happy John . . . before his shave!

Delighted

Manager Billy McNeill is just as delighted as Garner with the move.

"He can do a great job for Celtic," says McNeill. "Remember I was his boss at Pittodrie for a season so I know all about his ability."

"I knew Hearts wanted to sign him and that's why I moved in so quickly. Willie is a good, solid player and there are absolutely no doubts over his fitness."

"I was aware of how much he wanted to play for Celtic and that is always an important factor in transfer deals."

"It's good to sign players who are genuinely interested in your club and want to play their heart out for Celtic. Willie Garner comes into that category."

Celtic had a problem over the central defence last season, where several permutations were tried.

Eventually Tom McAdam, brother of Rangers' Colin, completed the season in the position,

If I were manager of Manchester United I would move heaven and earth to sign two soccer superstars — Kenny Dalglish and Liam Brady.

Liam, then at Arsenal, almost became a United player before his move to the Italian club Juventus.

I know the Republic of Ireland captain fancied joining us at Old Trafford but unfortunately he couldn't agree terms with United.

I don't know what Liam's demands were, but I'd have mortgaged the main stand to sign him.

Players with Liam's class become available once in a lifetime. I feel United made a big mistake allowing him to join Juventus.

And what manager in his right mind wouldn't try to buy Kenny Dalglish from Liverpool? For my money he is the complete striker. Everything he does is world class.

I'm playing at manager in response to a letter I've received

to know if I feel the top clubs play too much football these days.

Yes, most definitely, John. If we want to improve the quality of the game in this country we must reduce the number of matches we have to play.

For a start I'd cut down the First Division from 22 to 16 clubs. That would allow our top players to be properly prepared for internationals.

People laugh when players talk about pressures, specially those in tough jobs like coalminers. But after 60-70 games a season you are tired, jaded and often carrying an old injury.

Fewer games would allow the knocks to heal and give our international managers the opportunity of working with their squads more often.

One reason England struggled at the end of the season was because their players were exhausted.

Top clubs like Ipswich and Liverpool play over 70 matches a season. That's two a week on average, which just isn't on.



'I'd sign BRADY and DALGLISH for United'



from Neil Rowland, of Hazelgrove, near Manchester who poses the question: "If you were manager of Manchester United with an unlimited amount of money to spend which two players would you most like to buy?"

I didn't have to think long on this one, Neil. An impossible dream... Brady and Dalglish in the United line-up? You never know in football.

The gates would be shut hours before kick-offs at Old Trafford. The ground wouldn't be big enough to hold everyone wanting to see them.

Whatever they cost in transfer fees would be paid for in extra income generated through the turnstiles, not only at home but on every ground we go to.

Also out of the mailbag is Michael Brabrook, of Bath, who wants to know how work on the new pitch at Old Trafford is progressing.

It's no secret that United's pitch was in a terrible state and had to be dug up this summer for new drains to be laid.

I was down at Old Trafford recently and the groundsman assured me all will be well before the start of the season.

Tony Williams, a United fan living in Tottenham, North London wants



Apart from that, few people can afford to see their teams play twice in one week.

We must also reduce the amount of soccer shown on TV. I agree with Terry Black from Norwich who believes one reason for falling gates is the excellent coverage football receives on telly.

"You can see all the best action, the goals and six matches every weekend in your armchair at home," he writes. "So why go out on a cold winter's day to Carrow Road and pay over a fiver for the privilege?"

Restrict

You've got a point, Terry. I'd keep Football Focus and On The Ball and restrict Match of the Day to just one game and make that more of a magazine type programme, with visits to players' homes and behind-the-scenes news and views.

Mind you, I don't blame falling gates entirely on the recession and TV. Get rid of hooligans and the fans would flock back in their thousands. So would the youngsters.

Seeing all the little kids round the perimeter of the grounds was once a feature of our game. Often they'd get passed over the heads of older spectators to be placed in the front row of the terraces. You don't see that nowadays. Parents are too

frightened to let their children go to games. I don't blame them, either.

Sally Parker from Watford asks if I get nervous when I appear on TV.

Not if it's in my own environment, Sally, like an interview at Old Trafford after a match.

I do get butterflies when I'm on programmes such as "A Question of Sport", though, because you can make a fool of yourself so easily.

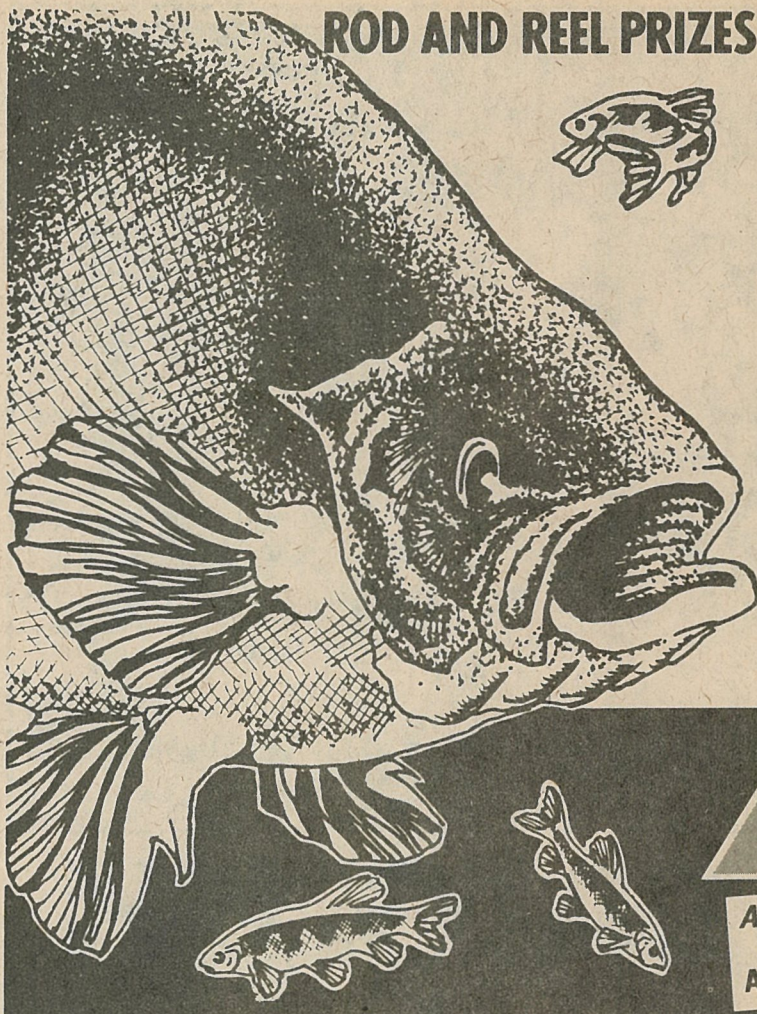
But I enjoy it tremendously, especially meeting stars from other sports.

I was never a cricket fan until I appeared with Ian Botham. All he wanted to do was talk football, which wasn't surprising considering he occasionally turns out for Scunthorpe reserves.

I also get on well with Gareth Edwards, the former Welsh rugby star, who is a regular on the programme with Emlyn Hughes.

We report back for pre-season training next week. Not looking forward to that. See you in two weeks... that's if the new boss Ron Atkinson doesn't work us too hard!

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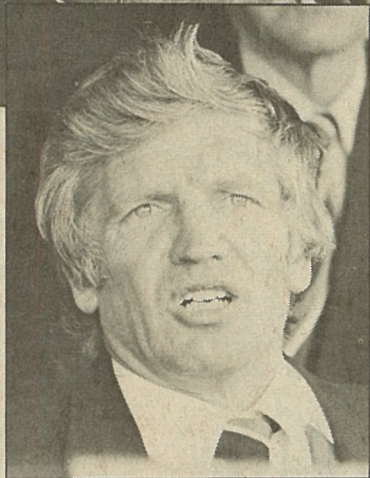
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Celebrations for Sunderland after they had avoided relegation with a surprise win at Liverpool in their final game of last season.



SUNDERLAND'S new manager Alan Durban doesn't simply have to win games . . . he has also to win over the fans at Roker Park.

And he knows that achieving the first aim will make the second so much easier.

Durban is well aware that his move from Stoke to Sunderland has not exactly set Wear-side alight.

As he says: "I know that half of the fans here think that Ken Knighton got a raw deal when he was sacked."

And even those who were not sorry to see

'DON'T EXPECT MIRACLES' warns Sunderland's new boss

Knighton leave recall a game last season when Stoke travelled to Roker Park and bored everybody silly to earn a point.

It brought criticism from Knighton, but Durban remains unrepentant about his methods, and his record last season speaks for him.

He took an average side to a very creditable 11th place in the First Division — not bad going for a team which was 19th in the Second Division when he took over.

He adopted a realistic attitude to Stoke and it's clear he will do the same at Roker Park in the next few months.

Looking at a squad of players which includes just one full international, he says: "You can't send a team out to play like internationals if they are not internationals."

"I'm a realist because, in the end, your life depends on it. So our target is to avoid relegation six games earlier than we did last season" (Sunderland earned safety in the last

match of the season with a surprise 1-0 win at Liverpool).

Durban goes on: "You can't work miracles overnight. Things have to be done in stages, but if the Roker Park supporters can't see some light at the end of the tunnel after 12 months I'll be very surprised."

"My reputation for building boring sides doesn't bother me. It's not even true, but I'd rather come to Roker with a low profile and with half the fans not wanting me than walk in making all sorts of promises."

"They can look at our results and then judge us. We will play to our strengths because that's how you win matches."

"I'm not paid to entertain, I'm paid to entertain Sunderland people and we'll do that by winning. There's nothing better than a winning team to fill a ground."

Durban knows a winning team at Sunderland would drag in the sort of crowds they can only dream about at Stoke.

And that was certainly a key factor in his decision — after a lot of heart-searching — to

ALAN DURBAN

leave behind the talented squad he was developing at the Victoria Ground. Don't be surprised if some of the young players he introduced at Stoke eventually wind up with him at Roker Park.

Certainly, a major trophy at Sunderland in the near future would guarantee him the freedom of the town. As he says, clubs like Liverpool, Arsenal and Spurs have grown used to success . . . at Roker Park it would be welcomed with open arms.

Sunderland's fans would certainly be happier still if he can do it with a team showing a bit more flair than Stoke showed for much of last season, particularly away from home.

But, for the moment, some silverware on the sideboard would be enough for them.

SAXTON ON A HIDING TO NOTHING

THE new occupant at 110 Nuttall Street is looking forward to his job — and getting to know the neighbours who don't appear to recognise him.

His name is Bobby Saxton, and the house in Nuttall Street is the quaintest manager's office in football. It belongs to Blackburn Rovers.

Saxton has arrived there via Derby County, Plymouth Argyle, Exeter City and Plymouth again, with one mission in mind — to take Blackburn back into the First Division they left in 1966.

"Nobody knows me here from Adam," said Saxton surveying one of the best appointed clubs in the Second Division but, like so many more, living on past glories.

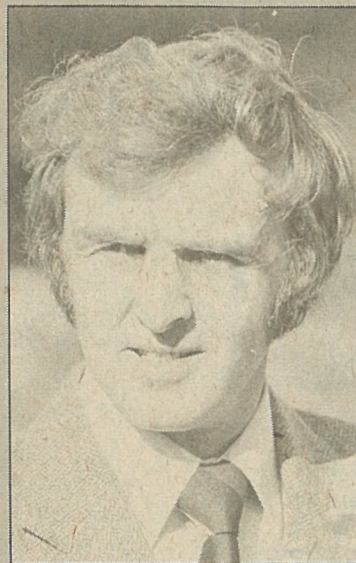
"I know a lot of people have been asking why they appointed

me when bigger names like Mike England, Gordon Lee, Ken Knighton and Jimmy Armfield were being bandied about, but quite honestly that doesn't worry me.

"I'm sure the chairman must have had me vetted, just as I do a player before I sign him, and I know one or two people put a good word in for me. That's very nice and I'm looking forward to justifying their faith."

Saxton's pedigree is excellent, even though most of his work has been done in the lower Divisions and in the furthest South-West where it tends to be overlooked.

"That's one of the most frustrating things about managing a club in that part of the world. I loved the job at Plymouth and I like to think we were poised to make some impact in the game, but you do wonder if your work will go unnoticed because you are out on a limb. The travelling gets through



to you eventually. It's not so bad on match days, but the scouting aspect is tough.

"I travelled 86,000 miles in my club car and I only had it two years!"

"In a way I'm on a hiding to nothing at Blackburn because if I take them up the fans will say I did it with Howard Kendall's team, if I fail they'll say they would have gone up if Howard had stayed."

"I'm not too concerned about that, I'm just grateful to have been given a chance of managing a potentially big club. The sky's the limit in this part of the world and if I achieve success it will be all the more satisfying bearing in mind the circumstances in which I'm taking over."

"Howard has left the club in good shape, although the juniors need strengthening, and my aim is to get a side that's capable not just of going up — but staying up."

TOMMY HUTCHISON

story

TOMMY HUTCHISON'S contribution to the 1981 F.A. Cup Final could hardly have been more dramatic. It is history now that the winger signed by Manchester City from Coventry last season gave his side the lead against Spurs at Wembley, only to put into his own net. Hero and villain — that was Tommy Hutchison, particularly when Spurs fought back to win the replay.

But not many people will know that he risked his career to appear in those spectacular centenary Cup Final clashes.

Hutchison sustained a serious pelvic injury midway through last season as he helped to turn the tide in City's favour after they had seemed destined for relegation.

But he insisted on playing on, refusing to jeopardise his place at Wembley.

"I had agreed to play for Seattle Sounders this summer, but after all that lot I needed a rest," he said.

"I also knew that playing on could have meant an operation. Ray Wilkins carried on with a similar injury and had a pint and a half of bruised blood taken away when they finally put him to the knife.

"But I was prepared to take the risk. After all, it had taken me until the age of 33 to come near a major honour so it was worth the pain.

"At times, the pain was excruciating. It felt as though every bone in my body was shuddering."

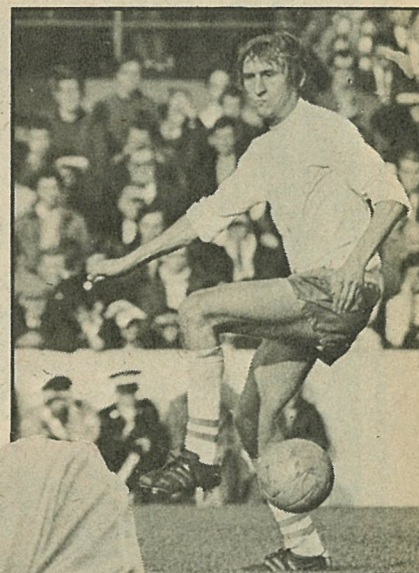
But Hutch has no regrets. "I just wish I had joined City at an earlier stage."

Born in Cardenden, Hutchison's career began at Alloa before a move South to Blackpool.

In 1972, he was on the move again, this time to Coventry, where he gained his 17 caps for Scotland.

Now Tommy Hutchison is at Maine Road, and looking for further glory. "With the team we've got here, I would like to think we can be in the running for the Championship," he says.

**RISKED HIS
CAREER TO
PLAY AT
WEMBLEY**



After an early spell with Alloa, for whom he made 69 League appearances, Tommy moved South to play for Blackpool (above). 166 League games on, he was signed by First Division Coventry City (below) in 1972, and he soon established himself as a firm favourite with the Highfield Road fans with his intricate ball skills and exciting wing play, helping City to claim a regular place in the top League after five years spent struggling against relegation back to the Second Division.





In 1973, Tommy was called up for the full Scottish national side, and here we can see him extreme left after helping his country beat the Czechs at Hampden Park to qualify for the 1974 World Cup Finals in West Germany. Manager Willie Ormond leaves the field with the help of Billy Bremner and David Hay.



During the World Cup Finals, Tommy made only two appearances, as substitute on both occasions. Here we see him forming part of a defensive wall keeping out a wayward free-kick from the colourful team from Zaire. But despite remaining unbeaten, the Scots were unable to qualify for the last eight on goal difference.

Tommy Hutchison continued to turn in consistent performances both at club and country level. For Scotland he gained 17 full caps, the last one coming in September, 1975 against Denmark in Copenhagen. But while Coventry continued to retain their First Division status, there never seemed much likelihood of them ever gaining top honours. So Tommy had to content himself with the occasional glamour game such as the League meetings with Liverpool and stars like Kenny Dalglish (right). But last October, with Manchester City at the foot of the First Division and John Bond having just taken charge, a new challenge lay ahead for Tommy. He joined City for £49,000 and helped them to the F.A. Cup Final and First Division safety.



JOY for Hutchison and City team-mate Gerry Gow (left) after his header had given City the lead in the F.A. Cup Final against Spurs at Wembley (above) with a spectacular header.

DESPAIR as his deflection of a Glenn Hoddle shot (below) gives Spurs a second bite at the cherry. Spurs, of course, came back in the replay to rob Hutchison of F.A. Cup glory.



Quiz Time

1. There are 14 clubs in both the Scottish First and Second Divisions.

2. Keith Hackett refereed last season's League Cup Final between Liverpool and West Ham. **FL**

3. Former Manchester United star Bobby Charlton (right) scored on his debut for England against Scotland at Hampden Park in 1958.

4. Cowdenbeath are a Scottish Second Division club. T

5. Pat Jennings appeared in two of Arsenal's three consecutive F.A. Cup Finals in 1979 and 1980.



1. Did Scotland's number one goalkeeper Alan Rough appear for his country during the 1978 World Cup Finals in Argentina? **YES** ✓

2. Norwich City's Chris Woods (right) began his League career with which club? NOTTINGHAM

3. Is it true that Nottingham Forest's Peter Shilton never played for the England Under-23 side? **No**

4. Who was in goal for Fulham when they lost 2-0 to West Ham in the 1975 F.A. Cup Final at Wembley? PETER MELLOR

5. Mervyn Cawston kept goal regularly for which Fourth Division club last season?

Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the names of some of Britain's top strikers and their clubs.

1. EERPTEIWITH (TANOSLALVI) PETER WITHE (ASIO)
2. RTHAGSOOKRC (MATHENOTT) GARTH CROOK (KILL)
3. ANIRRDFOED (GSTRNEA) IAN REDFORD (KILL)
4. DAYNAGYR (ESLYWO) ANDY GRAY (WOLFE)
5. KEIMINNAAGFL (EESUN- QUEEN'S PARK)
6. QRPKAARERSONI (MIKE FLANAGAN) MIKE ROBINSON
7. IMENSINOONBI (GNOBRTBI) MIKE ROBINSON
8. AFRKCYREYANG (LICETC) FRANK MCGEE (KILL)
9. AANLAZBILR (WHPSIIC) ALAN BRAZILL (KILL)
10. RMKAEHMG (EDRBEANE) MARK MULHEE (KILL)
11. YADNIERTCH (OONMTR)

ACROSS:— (3) Booth. (4) Alan Hay. (11) Evans. (12) Gow. (14) Vale. (15) Away. (16) Debt. (17) Andy. (18) Mesh. (20) Ideal. (21) Asa. (22) Brian. (23) Tydeman. (26) Wicks.

DOWN:— (1) Rota. (2) Itch. (5) Liam Brady. (6) Nose. (7) Argentina. (8) Needham. (9) Swaying. (10) Baker. (13) Gates. (19) Able. (24) Dais. (25) Mike.

TROPHIES



1. Which two clubs contested the F.A. Charity Shield at Wembley at the start of last season?

2. Nottingham Forest played in three consecutive League Cup Finals. They won the first two in 1978 and 1979 but lost in 1980. Can you name their hat-trick of opponents? LIVERPOOL, SOUTHAMPTON, LIVERPOOL

3. Newport County reached the

Quarter-Finals of the European Cup-Winners' Cup or the UEFA Cup last season? *Cup-Winners'*

4. In 1978, Ipswich Town won the F.A. Cup when they beat which club 1-0 with a goal by Roger Osborne (above)? *ORLEANS*

5. Blackburn Rovers have won the First Division Championship on one, two or three occasions?

The following line-ups won a major European trophy during the 1970's. Can you name the clubs and the Cup they won?

1. Sprake, Reaney, Cooper,
Bremner, Charlton, Hunter,
Lorimer, Clarke, Jones, Giles,
Madeley (Bates).

2. Clemence, Neal, Thompson, Hansen, Hughes, McDermott, Kennedy, Souness, Case (Heighway), Fairclough, Dalglish.

3. Corrigan, Book, Pardoe, Doyle
(Bowyer), Booth, Oakes, Heslop,
Bell, Lee, Young, Towers.

4. McCloy, Jardine, Mathieson, Greig, Johnstone, Smith, McLean, Conn, Stein, MacDonald, Johnston. **RANGERS - LUP WINNERS**

5. Jennings, Kinnear, Knowles,
Mullery, England, Beal, Coates,
Perryman, Chivers, Peters, Gilzean.

RANGERS — 1. Liverpool and West
 Ham, 2. Southampton in 1978, Liver-
 pool in 1979 and Wolves in 1980. 3.
 Cup-Winners' Cup. 4. Arsenal. 5.
 Twice.
 JUMBLED STRIKERS. 1. Peter Withe
 (Aston Villa). 2. Gareth Crooks (Tot-
 tenham). 3. Ian Redford (Rangers). 4.
 Andy Gray (Wolves). 5. Mike Flan-
 gan (Queens Park Rangers). 6. Mike
 Robinson (Brighton). 7. Frank
 McGaverty (Celtic). 8. Alan Brazil
 (Ipswich). 9. Mark McShee (Aber-
 deen). 10. Andy Ritchie (Worston).
 GOALKEEPERS. 1. Yes. 2. North-
 gham Forest. 3. No, he played 13
 times. 4. Peter Mellow, now
 Portsmouth. 5. Southampton United.
 TRUE OR FALSE. 1. True. 2. False —
 he was in charge of the F.A. Cup
 Final. 3. True. 4. True. 5. False — he
 played in all three.
 SPOT THE CLUBS. 1. Leeds in the
 Fairs Cup (1971). 2. Liverpool —
 European Cup (1978). 3. Manchester
 City — Cup-Winners' Cup (1970). 4.
 Rangers — Cup-Winners' Cup
 (1972). 5. Tottenham — UEFA Cup
 (1972).

Mick Lyons— 'BETTER AWAY FROM EVERTON'

DURING his 12 years at Goodison Park, Mick Lyons has been constantly anticipating a resurgent Everton finishing ahead of their famous Anfield rivals in the race for trophies.

Now the Blues' skipper will once again be hoping to achieve his ambition — but this time with increased optimism.

To Liverpool-born Mick, who served loyally under the departed Gordon Lee, the appointment of a new Everton manager has re-kindled dreams of success.

"Years ago, I played in the same Everton side as Howard Kendall," says Lyons.

"Anyone who was around at that period will remember that Howard was classed as the best uncapped half-back in England. He was a thinking player who has brought the same qualities into management.

"We went to Japan in the close season for a tournament, and our new boss introduced tactics which I'm sure will improve our future performances.

'Tough'

"Howard Kendall is shrewd and tough, so I'm looking for us to be challenging strongly in League and Cup competitions."

Lyons has given 100 per cent service to Everton since signing professional forms for them in July, 1969, when he was a striker. He can still score goals, but was converted successfully into a defender and is happiest in the back-four.

"I'm at my best at destroying attacks while operating at centre-half — this sort of game comes most naturally to me. But if I'm asked to fill in anywhere else in the team for a short spell I'm quite willing to help out."

In view of Mick being a devoted Evertonian, it's surprising to hear him express the view that he is often at his best playing away from Goodison.

He explains: "Our fans are so anxious for success, and I don't blame them, that they criticise us for any signs of what they consider to be negative play when we are at home.

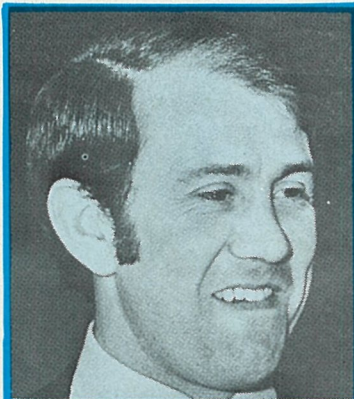


"For instance, if an Everton defender makes a back-pass to his 'keeper, even though it is sound sense in a certain situation, the supporters let him know they don't like it.

"The team is just as hungry for success as the supporters, but extra pressure is put on us by the crowd if things are not going well.

"Which is why we are more relaxed on other grounds — but perhaps this will change this term."

For Lyons, after more than a decade of ups and downs with Everton, an upswing in his team's level of consistency would bring him long-delayed satisfaction.



Lyons has not been able to agree terms with new Everton manager Howard Kendall.

But before thinking in terms of his long-distance future, Mick has an immediate problem to solve — he isn't happy about the terms of the new contract offered him by Everton.

True to form, Mick has been open in telling the club that he is shopping around and looking for more attractive offers. If there are none available, Goodison boss Kendall will be glad to accept Lyons back into the fold, and so will the supporters.

As for the player himself, with his past allegiance to the Blues, there could be worse fates than his continuing to wear an Everton shirt.

He says: "I've had more memories of disappointments than successes here — two years ago it looked like the side would go places, but we blew it. We've never seemed able to stay in a winning vein for long enough.

"But I never give up believing that we'll come good, and with our new signings Alan Biley and Mickey Thomas I'm sure we will have a much more attacking, entertaining side in the new season."

With Lyons' unshakeable belief in Everton, it's not surprising that he has become such a popular captain at Goodison. If the Blues do manage to lift a trophy and Mick stays, then it is fitting that he will be the man to be presented with it.

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Frank Worthington's England dream



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ALAN AINSCOW

Birmingham City

FULL NAME: Alan Ainscow
BIRTHPLACE: Bolton, Lancs
BIRTHDATE: July 15, 1953
HEIGHT: 5ft 8ins
WEIGHT: 11st 7lbs
PREVIOUS CLUB: Blackpool
MARRIED: To Paula
CHILDREN: Natalie and twins Melissa and Zoe
CAR: Datsun
FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: Daily Mirror
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Kenny Dalglish
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Nigel Winterburn
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Bolton Wanderers
FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD: Bobby Charlton
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Tennis, golf, horse racing
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Not many aren't difficult
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Scoring a hat-trick for Blackpool v Preston in 1974
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not winning promotion with Blackpool
FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS: Liverpool
FAVOURITE FOOD & DRINK: Italian food and milk
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES AND DISLIKES: Music and TV/Practice matches
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Morocco
FAVOURITE T.V. STAR, MALE AND FEMALE: Bobby Ball and Pamela Stephenson
FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF: Golf
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Supertramp, Dire Straits, Barry Manilow
AFTER-MATCH ROUTINE: A drink in the players' lounge and then go home
BEST FRIEND: I hope I have many
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Bob Stokoe, who gave me my chance in the Football League
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: None
PERSONAL AMBITION: To play in a Cup Final at Wembley
IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO? Gym teacher
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? No one in particular

